

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

'Selling' China?

ON Saturday, Radio Peking made an announcement which obviously surprised some Western trade observers. It gave details of the recently signed trade agreement with Egypt under which China promised to supply, among other things, machine tools, construction machinery and steel, mining equipment, pressing and textile machinery and complete mills for sugar refining, weaving and flour and paper making.

These are the kind of goods that China has been short of for years—ever since the Communist regime launched its first five-year plan for the reconstruction of industry and agriculture; the goods the West has consistently refused to supply since the imposition of the UN embargo on trade soon after the outbreak of the Korean war; the goods that China has been almost starving itself to buy from Russia and the East European satellites.

And now China is exporting them itself. Of course, this does not mean that it has attained such a high degree of self-sufficiency that it is now in a position to dispose of its surplus output of heavy machinery; nothing like it. And it is doubtful whether this is the impression the Chinese Government wants to create.

It is almost certain these exports will be "token"—single items possibly—and that the bulk of the deliveries to Egypt will be made of a variety of foodstuffs, including grain, meat, tea and canned goods which it has also agreed to export. But why machinery, the surprised observer may ask, when China's own need is so desperate and when it is almost certain to involve sacrifices and delays in its own internal development schemes.

Possibly one intention is to publicise New China abroad, to follow up recent diplomatic achievements at Bandung with evidence of solid industrial achievement. To the world at large, China proclaims that it is no longer dependent on Western—or for that matter, Russian—technology for at least some of its industrial needs—a development which if regarded charitably by its friends, will add considerably to its prestige as a "Big Brother" power in Asia. A more mercenary consideration may be the sterling currency that it is likely to gain from the deal.

One wonders, however, whether the news was intended for export so much as for internal consumption. Recently there have been severe and fairly widespread food shortages in China, shortages for which there is no early solution in sight. For example, the authorities have recently announced plans to buy 80-90 per cent of all surplus grains this autumn; food rationing is being extended, and grain sales in major cities are being cut sharply. The people are being asked to maintain a spartan diet. And the peasants are asking why it is necessary—is it because of last year's flood damage to crops, because China is sending too much food to Russia, or because of failures in the state centralised marketing scheme? All official answers indicate that the export drive is largely to blame.

This is not the news to placate hungry stomachs or to pacify growing indignation at living conditions which almost daily are becoming more difficult. But if the people are now told, as they probably will be, that exports will in future include more machinery and less food, there is perhaps some consolation to be found in the announcement after all. It may also give the Chinese people a just sense of pride in their country's achievements; if it does, a shipment or two of machinery—however badly it is needed—is a small price to pay.

He's In Top  
Condition



Mao Tse-tung

Tokyo, Oct. 16.  
A Japanese physician who saw Mao Tse-tung recently said today Communist China's boss appeared to be in top physical condition.

The Hongkong correspondence of the Japanese Kyodo News Agency quoted Dr. Kuo Majima as saying, "There is no question that Chairman Mao is in the best of health at present."

Dr. Majima is a member of a private Japanese group, headed by Mr. Fumio Kihara, which is an extended visit behind the Bamboo Curtain. The group arrived in Hongkong today.

Mr. Kihara, who went to Red China to discuss normalisation of relations between Japan and the Peking regime in a private capacity, met Mao on October 2 and 14.

Dr. Majima gave the Kyodo newsmen his impressions of Mao at the meeting.

Dr. Majima said he believed Mao had given up smoking. "We heard he used to smoke 50 cigarettes a day before but he did not smoke during the conference," he said.—United Press.

Man Who Warned Burgess And Maclean

"I WILL IDENTIFY HIM" SAYS MP

London, Oct. 16.  
A Socialist Member of Parliament said today he intends to identify the person who warned missing diplomats Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess they were suspected of Communist activities.

Labourite Norman Dodds said that if the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, does not arrest the third party, he will reveal the name in the House of Commons.

"I have asked Mr. Macmillan to get the law in action to decide on the third man's guilt," Mr. Dodds said.

The third man is believed to have been an employee of the British Embassy in Washington at the time Burgess and Maclean disappeared in May 1951. He is believed to have learned that the Foreign Office was suspicious of the two diplomats.

DELEGATION  
ARRIVES

Valetta, Malta, Oct. 16.  
A British parliamentary delegation arrived here today to investigate the problems of the island, including a proposal that Malta should be integrated into Britain and send representatives to the British House of Commons.

The delegation is headed by the Lord Chancellor, and includes Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Mr. James Griffiths, and Mr. Chuter Ede, of the Labour Party, Mr. Walter Elliot, of the Conservative Party, and Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party.

All attended the round table conference on Malta in London last month, which was also attended by Maltese leaders.—Reuter.

6 States Are  
Inundated  
20 REPORTED  
DEAD SO FAR

New York, Oct. 16.

Flood waters today swept over six northeastern American states for the second time in six months.

Rivers in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island were raging over their banks and 20 people have been reported dead. The figure was expected to rise.

A report on the floods was given to President Eisenhower in hospital at Denver, and it was decided that a declaration of emergency issued last August when the hurricanes struck probably still applied, the White House press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty announced.

Connecticut, worst hit by the August floods, was again the greatest sufferer. Ten towns in southern Connecticut have declared states of emergency and the Red Cross has opened 45 shelters.

The southeastern part of the state on Long Island was most seriously affected because of a combination of rising rivers and high tides.

Road and rail traffic was disrupted by the floods.

The New York Central Railroad cancelled service in several areas of New York state and two other railroad companies suspended services in the area.

River Overflows

The Automobile Club of New York reported that New England had been virtually cut off by water across major highways.

In New Jersey, the Ramapo River overflowed its banks, causing hundreds of families to be evacuated. Authorities said the Ramapo was at its highest level in 52 years.

Across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, the Cooper River flooded a wide area of Camden.

Danube Casualties

Danube, Oct. 16.

About 250 people have been drowned by the floods in the Shchupura, a district near here. It was announced today.

Seven hundred others were injured by collapsing houses or in the struggle to get away.

More than 1,500 people are homeless and 300 others are missing.

The plight has been made worse by the collapsing of four medical relief centres with the loss of all equipment.—Reuter.

Ike Now In  
Armchair

Denver, Oct. 16.

President Eisenhower, who is recovering from a heart attack here, has left his hospital bed and now sits in an armchair, White House press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said today.

Mr. Hagerty said President Eisenhower heard a report today from the presidential assistant, Mr. Sherman Adams, on rain storms which have been ravaging the northeast section of the United States.

President Eisenhower will receive Defence Secretary Charles Wilson and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, tomorrow, and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, on Wednesday, Mr. Hagerty said.

Mr. Hagerty said President Eisenhower will receive Attorney-General Herbert Brownell on Friday.—France-Press.

City Of London Was England's Most  
Inebriate Area Last Year

London, Oct. 16.  
The city of London, bustling "financial square mile" in the heart of the capital, was far and away the most drunken area in England and Wales last year, official statistics disclosed here.

The city courts had to deal with 240 cases of drunkenness per 10,000 population—but the Government "White Paper" giving the figures added that

most of the people convicted were non-residents and that the actual number of residents in the city, an area of big business offices, was very small.

Runner-up to the city of London was Newcastle, the northern port and shipbuilding centre, with 64 cases for 10,000, though another seaport, Bristol, on the west coast, was the most sober with only two per 10,000.

Flies Into Exile



The situation in the French colony of Morocco has reached a new fever-point following the vacating of the Cherifian throne by Sultan Ben Araf. Pictured here, Sultan Ben Araf is seen heading toward the aircraft at the Rabat Sale Airport that was to take him to Tangier. At left is the French Resident-General Boyer de Latour, at right Captain Oufit.—London Express.

MURDER OF TEACHER:  
BRITON QUESTIONED

Nice, Oct. 16.

A British seaman was questioned here today in a new investigation into the murder of a Nottingham school teacher, Janet Marshall, initiated by Detective-Sergeant Edmund Murray, personal bodyguard to Sir Winston Churchill.

The Briton, aged about 40, belongs to the crew of a yacht anchored off Monte Carlo. He is being questioned under a French law which authorises police to hold any person, French or foreign, for 24 hours to "examine his situation."

According to the French police, he said he had joined the yacht last month after hitchhiking round Europe.

Tonight police are checking with Interpol, the international police organisation, on a statement he is said to have made that he was in Cologne, West Germany, on August 20—the day Miss Marshall disappeared on the road from Amiens to Calais, in northern France.

Her strangled body was found in a cove at Belloy sur Somme, about eight miles from Amiens on August 28.

Detective Explains  
Detective-Sergeant Murray, speaking by telephone from Sir Winston Churchill's holiday home, Lord Beaverbrook's villa Capotaormina, at Cap d'All, told British news agency how he had started the new investigation after he had remarks by members of the yacht's crew.

"I made a small private investigation and then reported the matter to the police at Monaco, where the yacht was anchored," he said.

Asked about reports that the former British Prime Minister had suggested telling the police, he said he could make no comment in view of his situation as personal bodyguard.

"But, as I had to get permission whenever I left my

job to deal with this matter, Sir Winston was bound to know," he added.

Detective-Sergeant Murray, five years on the staff of No. 10 Downing Street, has an extensive knowledge of the Mediterranean coast area. He is a crack shot and, like Sir Winston Churchill, a spare-time painter.—China Mail Special.

Terrors Of Soviet  
Captivity

Only One  
In 5 1/2  
Survived

Friedland, Oct. 16.  
Only 17,000 of 92,000 German soldiers captured at Stalingrad survived the first nine months of captivity in Russia, a returned German said here today.

Kurt Zitt, 40, former Engineer-Lieutenant, who was captured two days before Stalingrad fell, said the prisoners "died like flies" from exhaustion, under-nourishment and spotted fever epidemics.

By the end of the war about 5,000 to 6,000 of the Stalingrad prisoners were still alive and the last of them—Zitt gave their number as 78—were expected to return with the transports now rolling in from Soviet prison camps.

Zitt estimated that "about 330,000 men, fought with General von Paulus Sixth Army in Stalingrad, about 200,000 of them were killed or died in the month's long battle and about 10,000 were sent out"—Reuter.

Rebels, Troops  
Clash In  
Riff Mountains

Rabat, Oct. 16.

French troops have killed six of 150 well-armed tribesmen in a new clash on Mount Berkane, in the Riff mountains near the Spanish Moroccan frontier. Artillery was called in to support Moroccan local levies in the battle, army authorities announced today.

The tribesmen also suffered 50 injured in the engagement, a communiqué stated. French army officers said British Bren guns, bombs and cartridges are among equipment being abandoned by tribesmen on the battlefields.

The body of one rebel tribesman was found clad in an almost new Royal Air Force battles dress tunic, American army underwear, Spanish army sandals and a red riza, or fez, like those worn by Moroccan auxiliaries in the Spanish zone.

Since the uprising began on Oct. 2 in the Riff and Middle Atlas mountains, the tribesmen suffered 143 dead and 315 injured, according to a French statement. Captured arms included 11 rifles, eight automatic rifles, 12 automatic pistols, one heavy machine gun and two anti-tank bazookas.

French ballistic experts said one of the automatic pistols was of Chinese manufacture.

The French Residency in Rabat tonight issued a communiqué replying to a Spanish Foreign Ministry statement last night which charged the French press and authorities with Riff mountain disturbances.

The French communiqué declared: "It is well known that the Moroccan dissidents have found aid and refuge in the Spanish zone of Morocco."

As evidence it alleged that a French observation post at Bouzineb situated inside the Spanish zone was attacked by rebels but that a nearby Spanish post charged with maintaining order in the area did not intervene.

"BADLY INFORMED"  
One of the rebels killed was a Moroccan from the Spanish zone armed with a Spanish-made rifle, the French communiqué said.

"It is incorrect to say that the insurrections are not contingent

to the Spanish zone. One needs only to be in Morocco to realise this. Perhaps the Spanish High Commissioner has denied these facts: in that case he is badly informed," the communiqué said.

"In addition, it is false to contend that the Spanish High Commissioner in Morocco has invited the French Resident-General to send him a military leader."

It is on the contrary, General de Latour has asked the Spanish High Commissioner that contacts be established between the two salifs. He waited nearly three days for a reply, which was not absolutely positive," the French statement added.—Reuter.

Soldiers Killed

Fez, Oct. 16.  
Three French soldiers were killed in a clash with rebel tribesmen near the town of Hibel in north Morocco today.

Another clash occurred between French forces and rebels in the Hibel area last night. No casualties were reported.—France-Press.

Frontier Skirmishes

Nairobi, Oct. 16.  
Kenya police patrol are sweeping the Ethiopian border in search of armed tribesmen who crossed into Kenya, killed local tribesmen and fired on police.

A government communiqué today revealed that skirmishes have been going on in the frontier area for nearly a week.—Reuter.

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## U.S. JET AIRLINER SETS NEW RECORD

### Stamp-printer's Error Sets Off Big Hunt In Australia

Adelaide, Oct. 16. The announcement of the Australian Commonwealth's first stamp printing error has started off a big "stamp hunt."

The announcement was made by Mr. Max Stern, President of the Australian Stamp Dealers Association, who produced an envelope bearing one of the imperfect stamps at the annual convention of the stamp dealers in Adelaide today.

The error consists of the omission of a red triangle from a three penny-halfpenny stamp issued last August.

An unknown quantity of sheets of 80 stamps escaped from the Commonwealth printing offices with the triangles missing from one stamp in each sheet, Mr. Stern said.

#### ARE THEY VALUABLE?

He said the value of the stamp could not be assessed until it was known how many of the stamps are in existence.

The only comparable error here occurred in 1854 when the state of Western Australia produced a few stamps with their watermark swans upside down. The 13 copies known to exist are now valued at £1,000 each. — France-Press.



Obviously in the front rank where glamour is concerned, Jill Adams tips a saucy wink in response to a parade-ground salute from comedian Terry-Thomas, Jill, as a glamorous WHA! office appears in "Private's Progress," a film now being made at Shepperton. — Reuterphoto.

## \*Will It Be A 'Nein Vote' In Saar Referendum?\*

Saarbrücken, Oct. 16. The stormy Saar referendum battle plunged into its final week today with a new French-German crisis looming in the background.

The 900,000 German-speaking citizens of this disputed coalfield on the borders of France and Germany vote in a free referendum next Sunday on the statute handed them last year by the French and West German Governments.

Under the statute they are to be "Europeanised" and placed under a neutral commissioner until a final all-German peace treaty.

The agreement was signed in Paris on October 23, 1954 by the former French Premier, Mr. Pierre Mendès-France and the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

**Temporary Solution**

Their aim was a temporary compromise settlement to the centuries-old quarrel over the territory. This would enable France and Germany to work for friendship together inside the Western alliance without allowing the Saar issue to poison their relations once more.

But contrary to the hopes of both French and West German Governments it has become less and less certain that the Saarlanders will approve the statute. Many observers here believe they will reject it by a "thumping majority."

Under the French-German agreement all political parties in the Saar have had complete freedom to campaign for the last three months, including those previously outlawed which demand the territory's return to Germany.

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Spurred on by rabble-rousing former Nazi storm-trooper Heinrich Schneider, now a Saarbrücken lawyer, the opposition parties have fought a noisy battle to get the Saarlanders to vote "Nein" next Sunday.

German nationalism, dormant in the Bonn republic since World War II, suddenly flared up here.

**Rioting, Swastikas**

The early stages of the referendum campaign were marked by rioting, swastika posters, bands thumping out nationalistic German songs and a bitter campaign of denunciation against pro-French Premier Johannes Hoffmann.

The campaign cooled off in its later stages. But the chances of a "Nein" vote against the referendum appeared strong.

Reuter says 11 parties are taking part in the campaign. More than 200 rallies were held in the Saarland during the week-end. Most active was the Christian People's Party of the Saar Premier, Mr. Johannes Hoffmann, who himself spoke at 13 rallies in the two days.

The pro-German parties claim the statute would "deliver the Saarland to France" and separate it from Germany forever while the pro-statute parties appeal to the "responsibility" of Saarlanders not to disrupt Franco-German understanding by rejecting the statute.

**Why France Waits It**

The French argument in wanting to keep the Saar economically attached to France is that its rich coal and steel industry would give Germany industrial superiority over France whereas, added to French industrial potential, it restored an approximate equilibrium between the two countries.

The pro-German parties however refuse to accept this reasoning and point out that the

Washington, Oct. 16. A four-engine Boeing jet 707 transport, fore-runner of the jets ordered by American commercial airlines, flew across the United States in 3 hours 58 minutes today to set an unofficial record for transport planes.

It flew 2,340 miles from Seattle, Washington, to nearby Andrews, Maryland, air force base at an average speed of 692 mph, thus taking less than half the time (which is about eight hours from Los Angeles to New York) of present commercial airliners.

One airline has ordered 20 of the swept-wing jet-propelled Boeings and 25 Douglas DC-8s at a total cost of \$280,000,000. The first of the planes, carrying from 104 to 125 passengers, are scheduled to go into service in 1958. All are to be in regular service by 1961.

A. M. (Tex) Johnston, Boeing flight test chief who piloted the plane, said he flew at 35,000 to 36,000 feet and had no more than a 20-knot wind to aid the four 10,000-horsepower thrust jet engines. His top speed ranged from 615 to 620 mph.

#### HIGH TAIL WIND

Boeing officials said the previous best time for a transport plane between Seattle and Washington was six hours and three minutes. It was set by a stratoscruiser on December 9, 1945. A B-47 Stratojet bomber, also a Boeing, flew from Los Angeles to Washington, to Andrews Field in three hours, 46 minutes in 1949. It had an average speed of 607 mph.

Mr. Johnston said the B-47 had "an extremely high tail wind."

He and his two co-pilots, James B. Gannett, and Dixon Leach, took the big transport plane back to Seattle late today with no attempt to better their west-to-east time.

He said that shortly after arriving in Seattle he would pack his bags for a one-way flight in a conventional airliner to New York.

He is going to an American Management Association school. The trip will take 12 hours.

#### TRIBUTE TO TRANSPORT

Mr. William E. Allen, Boeing President, said the jet flight was made as "a tribute to the transport industry" on the eve of the annual meeting of the world's airlines in New York. The International Air Transport Association conference opens tomorrow.

Mr. Frederick B. Lee, Civil Aeronautics Administrator, said the government "anticipates no particular problems" in approving the jet plane for passenger operations.

The 707 is the prototype of both the commercial jet passenger plane and a high-speed military tanker. The Air Force has ordered about 330 of the tankers for refueling heavy jet bombers in flight.

The pilot said he burned 84,000 pounds of fuel, landing with 10,000 pounds. The plane weighed 130,000 pounds at take-off. The flight was not officially timed thus no official speed record was claimed. — United Press.

## Londoners Hail Soviet Sailors' Snap Concerts

London, Oct. 16. About 80 sailors from the Soviet Baltic Fleet, now visiting Britain, staged two whirlwind song-and-dance concerts here today and won rapturous applause from packed audiences.

The concerts—one in the afternoon and another in the evening—were the idea of the senior officer of the Baltic Fleet, Admiral Arseni Golovko.

Arrangements were rushed through at 88 hours' notice by the British Admiralty. Staff at the Empress Hall, West London, worked all night to cover 28,000 square feet of artificial ice used for a current ice show there, and to erect a stage and lighting.

Items included Russian popular songs and dances. The visiting fleet is due to sail from Portsmouth tomorrow at the end of their five-day visit. — China Mail Special.

## EGYPTIANS CROSS ISRAELI BORDER New Gaza 'Incident'

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 16. An Israeli army spokesman said today three Egyptian soldiers crossed into Israeli territory near Gaza this morning but were chased out by fire from Israeli frontier guards.

The Egyptians who had crossed the border at Nagen settlement escaped into the Gaza strip, the spokesman added.

The spokesman said that on the Israel-Syria border, a Syrian army post opened up heavy automatic fire against Israeli fishermen on Hula Lake. The fishermen received the protection of the Israeli army, he added.

In neither incident was there any casualty. — France-Press.

## French MP Decides YUGOSLAVIA NOT QUITE ACCEPTABLE

Strasbourg, Oct. 16. Yugoslavia may be offered a restricted form of membership of the Council of Europe, French Parliamentarian, M. Pierre De Felice, Council delegate, charged to study Yugoslavia's unofficial request for admission, said today.

M. De Felice said that under the present regime, Yugoslavia did not qualify as a "nation respecting the rights of man and democratic freedom" for full membership.

There was, however, a danger in refusing Yugoslavia admission that she might succumb to solicitations from the Soviet Union, he said.

The solution might lie in Yugoslavia's admission to "certain technical activities" only, said M. De Felice, or in the creation for her of an "observer" membership status. — France-Press.

## India's Big Loan To Burma

New Delhi, Oct. 16. India and Burma will sign an agreement tomorrow calling for India to lend Burma 200 million rupees, it was reported today.

The loan, which was negotiated in New Delhi by the

Burmese Minister, M. Rachid, originally called for 100 million rupees in cash and 100 million in credit for buying Indian goods. India has agreed to make the whole loan in cash, it was reported. — France-Press.

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## REDUCE BORDER FORCES PLAN

Mr Aly And  
No. 2 WifeBritish Proposals  
For Geneva  
Conference

Washington, Oct. 16.

The British delegation to the Geneva conference is expected to propose reduction of East-West border forces in Europe should other Western proposals fail to win Russian consent for German unification, highly qualified sources said today.

This would be a revival of the plan suggested by the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, for the thinning out of military forces on both sides of the Oder-Neisse Line—present de facto frontier between East Germany and Poland—as a concrete step to lessen tensions on the continent.

A British spokesman told the United Press that implementation of the Eden Plan could begin right away, whereas the 14-nation security arrangement the West is reported to be thinking of offering Russia could not be put into effect without extensive and elaborate legal preparations.

The plan would be conditioned on simultaneous reunification of Germany. Thus, if the Soviets accepted the Eden proposal, they would have to start work at once on machinery for implementing German reunification.

Soviet rejection of the plan, it was reasoned, would cause world public opinion to hold Moscow responsible for lack of progress on Germany, the main stumbling block to better East-West relations.

## With Consent

Sir Anthony is expected personally to instruct the Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, to offer his plan to the Russians, should the Big Four Foreign Ministers again become deadlocked on the German issue at Geneva. He would do so, however, only with the consent of the other Western Allies.

Western diplomatic sources here said the move would be made as a dramatic appeal to Russia's good faith, similar to the one President Eisenhower made at the Geneva summit meeting in July, when he proposed a United States-Russian system of aerial inspection and an exchange of military blueprints.

These informants told the United Press that France and other Western allies, especially Holland and Denmark, did not favour the Eden plan, believing as they do that any thinning-out of forces brings the West's first line of defence closer to their own borders.

Nevertheless, it was contended that these countries would accept the plan if they were con-

vinced there was no other way to get Russia to permit all-German elections and other steps leading toward a reunited Germany.

British, French and United States working parties now meeting in Paris are understood to be trying to harmonise the Eden plan with overall Western strategy for Geneva. A common approach is expected to be worked out by the time the Big Three Foreign Ministers meet to finalise their plans for the Geneva conference, which is to start on October 27. The Ministers will be meeting a few days prior to that date.

## Accepted

Reports that the Western allies now appear prepared to accept the Eden Plan have dispelled much of the apprehension which had been evident in diplomatic circles about lack of agreement among the Western Big Three on the eve of the Geneva meeting.

Until a few days ago, officials privately expressed the belief that Britain was prepared to advance its proposals independently, in an eleven-hour attempt to prevent a breakdown of the talks, even if France and the United States did not endorse the move. Official statements notwithstanding, the recent Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting did not achieve complete agreement on the tactics to be followed at Geneva, informed sources said.

The Western Big Three, they reported, did agree on the following:

1. That the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation must remain the bulwark of the West's European defence plans, even if a 14-nation security pact comes into being.
2. That any security pact must be conditioned on German reunification.
3. That a United Germany must be free to join any alliance it wants to.

But there was no final agreement on the tactics to be used in approaching the Russians at Geneva, these sources said.

United States officials were known to feel that it would be a mistake to offer the Soviet Union too much in the way of detailed security guarantees. The French share this view.

Britain, on the other hand, appeared insistent in its view that the Eden plan should be put forward at one point or another. The British regard their plan as giving Russia concrete assurances of an immediate diminution of military threats from either side, something the Russians have continuously been asking for.

## Against It

One informant told the United Press that at the recent meeting of Foreign Ministers in New York, France was still decidedly against consideration of the Eden Plan, claiming that the idea was encountering growing opposition among some of the NATO partners.

Should the plan now be adopted by the Big Three working groups at Paris, it will be submitted to the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting scheduled to be held in Paris on October 25.

—United Press

Biggest Mill  
—Russian

Moscow, Oct. 16.  
The biggest cotton mill in the world equipped with 480,000 spindles capable of producing more than two million yards of cloth per day is now under construction at Kamyshin, near Stalingrad, Tass, the Soviet news agency, claimed.—China Mail Special.

Spanish  
Aid For  
French  
Moroccans

Rabat, Oct. 16.

General Pierre Boyer de Latour, French Resident-General in Morocco, tonight issued a statement reaffirming that Moroccan dissidents "have found aid and refuge in the Spanish zone of Morocco."

The French supreme in Morocco issued his statement in reply to a Spanish Government communiqué denying French charges that Spain was supporting rebels in French Morocco.

The Resident-General referred to an attack on the French observation post at Bouznib, situated in an enclave in the Spanish zone. He complained that the neighbouring Spanish post, whose job it was to ensure order, had not intervened to help the French. He said that among the bodies of rebels in French hands was that of a Moroccan of the Beni Amart tribe from the Spanish zone. The rebel had been armed with a gun manufactured at the Spanish arms factory of Oviedo.

## Shots Fired

The statement, issued by the French Residency in Rabat, said that a French unit had on Friday been subject to shots fired from the Spanish zone. The French troops did not return the fire.

The statement denied the Spanish assertions that the French Residency in Rabat had been near the border of the Spanish zone.

"The Spanish High Commissioner, General Garcia Valdes, may have denied these facts. In that case, he is badly informed."

The statement also denied that the Spanish High Commissioner had invited General de Latour to send a senior military officer to the Spanish zone. "On the contrary, it was General de Latour who asked the Spanish High Commissioner for staff contacts to be established. He waited nearly three days for an answer which was not entirely positive."

Furthermore, French native affairs officers and civil officials had in the frontier region had been instructed to make contact with their Spanish opposite numbers but had received no reply, the statement said.

"In the light of these facts, all denials are useless,"—France-Press.

Johnston Nearly  
Crosses River

Rome, Oct. 16.

Mr Eric Johnston, special envoy for President Eisenhower, flew back to the United States today confident that the warring Arab states and Israel would soon share the precious waters of the Jordan River.

Mr Johnston said he thought it was only a question of time before the last hurdles were crossed for realisation of the \$200,000,000 project.

"I am continuing my work on the project and have great hopes an accord can be reached," he said, admitting there remained a variety of political problems still to be solved.

"The Jordan River Plan is closer to realisation than ever before," said Mr Johnston. He has worked on the plan for more than two years, and now returns after two months in the Near East.

Mr Johnston expected to arrive in Washington on Wednesday. Among the hurdles preventing realisation of the plan are Arab reluctance to recognise Israel, and the recent Soviet offer of arms to Arab states which has aroused Palestinian resentment.

—United Press



Mr Mohammed Ali, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, and his second wife the Begum Aliya, taken at Claridges Hotel in London. It was Mr Ali's second marriage to his secretary that caused such a storm in Pakistan while he was Prime Minister. He afterwards resigned. Mr Ali has voiced the opinion that polygamy is preferable to divorce as it enables her to retain her status and dignity.—Central Press Photo.

ARMS DEAL A  
SERIOUS BLOW

Washington, Oct. 16.

Mr Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's assistant on disarmament, said today the delivery of Communist arms to Egypt could deal a "very serious" blow to prospects for world peace.

But he insisted that peace prospects have brightened considerably in the past three years. He said all the peoples of the world, including the Soviets, are beginning to realise that a nuclear war is too dreadful to contemplate.

Mr Stassen said in a television interview that the forthcoming shipment of arms from Communist Czechoslovakia to Egypt may create an arms race in the turbulent Middle East between Israel and the Arab nations.

"It would be in the Soviet interest in the long run not to ship these arms," he said, "and in Egypt's interest in the long run not to accept them."

## Odds Favourable

The US Government is known to be deeply concerned lest the arms shipment cause a resumption of open warfare in the tension-ridden Middle East. Israel has let it be known in diplomatic channels that she does not plan to watch the Soviet arms being delivered to Egypt and do nothing about it.

Despite the danger in the Middle East, Mr Stassen said the "odds are favourable for world peace." He said the Communists

have not stopped their subversive tactics throughout the Communist world but he believes they do not intend to resort to war to "communistise the world."

One of the most important tests of Soviet intentions, he said, will come at the forthcoming Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting at Geneva when the Western Powers press for the unification of Germany.

"German reunification is essential to the stability and peace of Europe," he said.

Mr Stassen said the United States will join "all other nations in a reduction of arms."



Harold Stassen

based on a sound inspection system. Any disarmament proposal without adequate inspection is impractical, he said.

The United States is also prepared to abandon some of its overseas bases if the Soviets will do the same in their satellite countries, he said. But he insisted that such a move must be reciprocal.

## Inspection

Mr Stassen said he hoped the Soviets will accept President Eisenhower's plan for a mutual exchange of military blueprints and aerial inspection rights soon.

He said a reduction in armament building would not hurt the US domestic economy but would permit the United States to build more schools and highways and help underdeveloped nations build their economies.—United Press

## PRINCESS AND TOWNSEND

Clarify Position  
Says Paper

London, Oct. 17.

The influential Sunday Times today broke its long silence on Princess Margaret's romance with Group Captain Peter Townsend and said that, "Those soberly concerned with the nation's interest in this matter should now make some comment."

The Sunday Times said:

"... As a woman, like any other woman in this country, Princess Margaret is entitled to make up her own mind on her private affairs without advice or pressure from those not closely allied to her by family bonds or personal intimacy. It would be utterly presumptuous for outsiders to say that this or that marriage was suitable or unsuitable on personal grounds."

"The matter concerns the public only because of the Princess's relationship to the Throne... The marriages, and therewith the issue, of those in line of succession to the Throne are matters of vital public moment..."

"It is a controversy capable of splitting Church and State more profoundly than anything for three hundred years. For the Church of England, of which the Queen is head, holds as a matter of morals as well as of ecclesiastical law that Christian marriage is for all time, and that re-marriage of a divorced person is no marriage during the lifetime of the other partner... Any member of the Church of England would be right to say that to approve a marriage between a Princess and a divorced man with a wife still living would be to approve a nullity."

## Diverse Views

"That, of course, is not the view of all Christians or all Christian churches in this country. But no reconciliation of these diverse views is possible in the case of one so close to the succession..."

"Only one conclusion can be drawn: that if Princess Margaret desired to marry Group Captain Townsend it can be only on condition of her renouncing her title and her issue the succession to the Throne. All could then agree that the propriety of her marriage could be left to her own judgment, and its legality to the ordinary law."

"Since the succession is prescribed by the Act of Settlement, renunciation would of course require an amending Act. And a similar Act would need to be passed by every country in the Commonwealth to which the Statute of Westminster applies. The accession to the Throne is as much a concern of the dominions as of this realm. The fact that the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth are to meet in midsummer of next year may have a direct bearing on the handling of this highly important affair of state."—United Press.

BELGIANS  
ISSUE  
STRIKE  
WARNING

Brussels, Oct. 17.

Belgian heavy industrial workers will set notices to strike on November 1 in a campaign for the five-day week.

A union spokesman said today that the notices, calling for a strike among steel, gas and electricity workers and coalminers, will be received by all unions and management today.

A union announcement last night said bank employees were joining the strike movement while another said the department stores employees union had also decided to participate and was considering details.

The strike call follows the breakdown of talks between workers and employers representatives last Friday when employers rejected the workers demand of a five-day working week on the grounds that it would harm Belgium's overall economic position because of its coal deficit.

Union leaders added they hoped talks for arriving at a compromise solution could be resumed despite the strike call.—Reuter.

DUTY FOR  
PREMIER

Stockholm, Oct. 16.

The Finnish Prime Minister, Mr Urho Kekkonen, must pay 1,700,000 marks (about £1,750) import duty and purchase tax on a 100-mile an hour luxury motor car presented to him by the Soviet Government.

But a similar car presented to the President, Juho Paasikivi, will be admitted into Finland duty free because customs officials said the head of the Finnish state is constitutionally not liable to customs duty.—China Mail Special.

Army  
Officers  
Kidnapped

Damascus, Oct. 16.

Strained relations have developed between Syria and the Lebanon over the kidnapping of two Syrian army officers by a group of Syrian political refugees in Lebanon. Officials said that Syria today sent a note to the Lebanon asking for the extradition of the Syrian officers wanted by the Syrian police. The note said that if the Lebanon did not comply with the Syrian request, the Syrian Government would be obliged to reconsider its policy towards the Lebanon.

The two Syrian officers involved in the incident, were reported to have gone to Beirut on a secret mission. Lebanon newspaper reports said the mission of the two officers was to take into custody two refugee members of the Syrian Popular Party, implicated in the murder of Syrian Army Colonel Adnan Malik.

## Handed Over

They were said to have contacted a certain Machour Dandache who was to have handed over former Major Ghassan Jedd and Iskandar Chaul, the two refugees, in return for 50,000 Lebanese pounds.

After handing over their 50,000 pounds, the two Syrian officers were reported to have been kidnapped and held for three days by members of the Syrian Popular Party, Ghassan Jedd and Iskandar Chaul were reported to have been among the kidnappers. Beirut press reports said that they were only released after the Syrian National Defence Minister in person had visited Beirut and after the intervention of the Lebanese army.—France-Press.

Tito Has  
Rheumatism

Belgrade, Oct. 16.

Marshal Josip Broz Tito, the President of Yugoslavia, today received a Soviet parliamentary delegation at Belgrade, where he is undergoing treatment for rheumatism.

The Soviet delegation, which has been visiting Yugoslavia for the past fortnight, was led by Alexander Volkov, Chairman of the Soviet of the Union of the USSR.—France-Press.

KABAKA  
BACK HOME  
TODAY

Kampala, Oct. 17.

Kabaka (King) Mutesa the Second of Buganda returns to a hero's welcome from his people today (Monday) after two years of exile in Britain.

Thousands of excited Buganda people camped out at Entebbe airport, 20 miles from Kampala, to greet their ruler and escort him to his 20-roomed Palace, taking a route decked with triumphal arches. Most of them were bearded as they had pledged never to shave until their ruler returned.

The Kabaka was due to be met by Sir Andrew Cohen, Governor of Uganda, who exiled him in November 1953 for failing to "co-operate loyally" with the Protectorate Government.

Fearing that Buganda—largest of Uganda's provinces—would one day welcome part of a multi-racial federation with Kenya, the Kabaka had made a stand for self government for the province.

He and the Governor will sign a new constitutional agreement for Buganda thrashed out during his London exile and agreed to by the Buganda Lukiiko (Parliament).

The young ruler will pledge co-operation with the Protectorate Government and loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II.—China Mail Special.

Penny More For  
Cigarettes

London, Oct. 17.

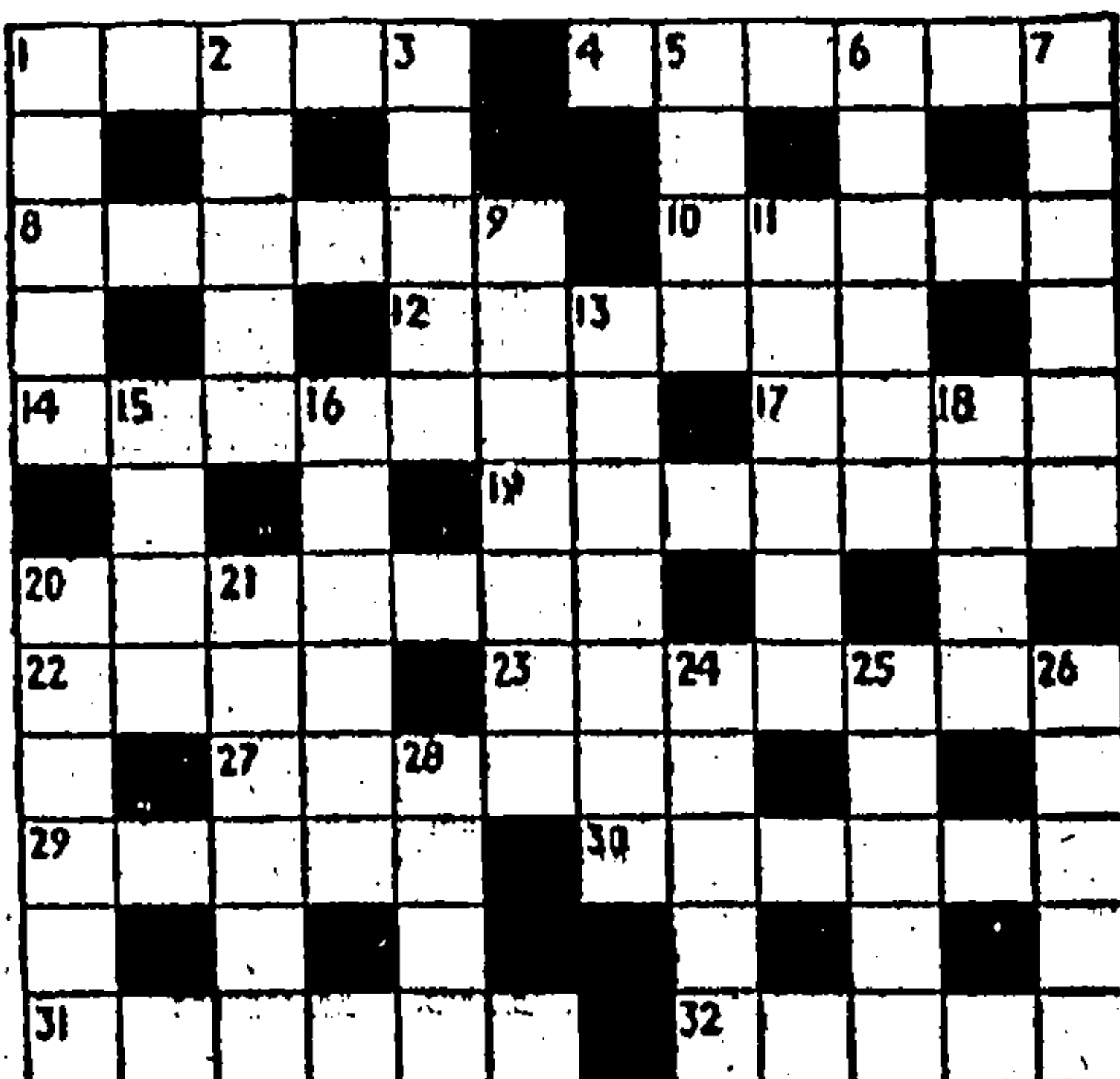
Britons will pay one penny more for a packet of 20 of the popular brands of cigarettes from Thursday. It was announced here today.

This will raise the price from 3s 7d to 3s 8d.

The more expensive brands will go up by one penny for a packet of 10.

The Imperial Tobacco Company said the increase, which had been delayed as long as possible, was the result of increases in their costs.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Domesticates (5)
  - 4 Cattleman (6)
  - 8 Vegetable (6)
  - 10 Bond down (5)
  - 12 Trial (6)
  - 14 Afternoon performance (7)
  - 17 Drops (4)
  - 18 Ghost (7)
  - 20 Hearty (7)
  - 22 Duelling sword (4)
  - 23 Relevant (7)
  - 27 Expunge (6)
  - 28 Dodge (5)
  - 30 Attorneys (6)
  - 31 Agreement (6)
  - 32 View (5)

- DOWN
- 1 Tribal emblem (5)
  - 2 Deserve (5)
  - 3 Craft (6)
  - 5 Trick (4)
  - 6 Flower (6)
  - 7 Tranquillity (6)
  - 8 Forensic (7)
  - 11 Kind of powder (6)
  - 13 Exhaust (7)
  - 15 On the summit (4)
  - 16 In fact (6)
  - 18 Ireland (6)
  - 20 Join closely (6)
  - 21 Diminish (6)
  - 24 Takes it easy (5)
  - 25 Kneeling (5)
  - 26 Follow (5)
  - 28 Lament (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Intruder, 8 Acre, 9 Republic, 11 Subsided, 13 Storm, 15 Mastered, 16 Renowned, 18 Town, 21 General, 23 Endured, 25 Hill, 27 Modulate, Down: 1 Drama, 2 Crab, 4 Wood, 5 Road, 6 Dancer, 7 Skirmish, 9 Rider, 10 Soven, 12 Usage, 14 Editor, 16 Peter, 17 Doped, 18 Thrum, 20 Ended, 22 Gilt, 24 Nest, 26 Avic, 28 Side.



# STOP HIM EATING HIS HEART OUT

Are YOU wives with us in this vital campaign?

THE CHINA MAIL draws attention to the mounting evidence that the increase in coronary thrombosis is due to faulty diet. "This is the alarming truth about the biggest problem facing modern medicine today," said Chapman Pincher last Saturday. The doctors are doing their best to defeat it but, because of the nature of their discoveries so far, it is the WIVES who can do most to protect their husbands' hearts — and their own. Read on.

By Chapman Pincher

UNDER the age of 60 a man's chance of suffering a sudden heart attack is eight times greater than a woman's.

How does this enormous sex difference square up with the doctors' claim that the alarming increase in heart attacks is due to too much fat in the diet? Surely most wives eat substantially the same sort of food as their husbands?

Hospital tests suggest that women are escaping heart trouble in middle age because their coronary arteries, the vital heart vessels, which carry the blood to the heart muscle, are protected by substances found only in the female body.

## Protection

These substances, called oestrogens, affect the way the fat is carried in the blood stream after a high-fat meal, so that much of it is in a less damaging form in women than it is in men.

And it is now known that after women lose the protective action of these substances in the early fifties, when oestrogens cease to be produced, they quickly become more susceptible to the dangerous stoppage in the heart arteries called coronary thrombosis.

These findings quickly alerted doctors to the possibility that oestrogens might exert the same protective action in men if they were given by injection or in tablet form.

Dr Michael Oliver and Dr G. S. Boyd tried them on men threatened with coronary thrombosis at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. The treatment seemed to produce some benefit, but unfortunately there were unpleasant after-effects which make it impracticable in its present form.

## 'Detergent'

So experiments are in progress to find some safer "detergent" which may rejuvenate coronary arteries that have become clogged up with fatty material.

British doctors have found that a substance called heparin rapidly clears the blood of the oily particles with which it becomes loaded after a fat-rich meal.

Unfortunately heparin is too dangerous to give as a routine preventive treatment, though it is being used to benefit patients who have already suffered a coronary attack.

At a Belfast hospital Dr John Barber and Dr Alan Grant have been feeding coronary patients with special biscuits containing sitosterol, a white powder made from soy beans. This may exert a protective effect. At Oxford a team led by penicillin pioneer, Sir Howard

Flory is studying the precise effects of fat in the body. Indeed, so much talent is being concentrated on the thrombosis problem that, as Dr Zoltan Leichter told the Royal Society of Medicine, "We are surely justified in looking forward to some kind of prevention of this mortal disease of Western civilisation in the near future."

## Housewives

Meanwhile it is the housewife who can make best use of the accumulated evidence of the last five years to prevent her husband in effect "eating his heart out."

She can also improve her own life expectation. Not all doctors are convinced that the case against fat is completely proved. But while they have no alternative advice to counter the scourge that is now killing more people than any other complaint, the prudent housewife can play safe by putting into practice the five precautions listed on the right.

## THINGS YOU CAN DO

1 CUT DOWN on the total amount of fat you serve with your meals by making less use of the frying pan and by rationing butter, cream, and milk. Avoid too much fat meat and fat fish such as herrings and hippers.

Doctors do NOT suggest that anybody should give up fats entirely. Their warning is against a surfeit of fat—and particularly against taking too much at one meal.

Plan your meals so that if the main course is rich in fat the sweet is fat-free and vice versa.

As Dr Hewan Dewart of Newcastle Royal Infirmary has put it: "In the rather crude principles of Jack Spratt (who would eat no fat) lie our best chances of avoiding the daily tragedies of this disease."

A reduction in fat-intake seems to be especially important for the over-sixties, since experiments have proved that the blood becomes more easily loaded with fat as we get older.

Milk is the source of fat which has increased most in the last 10 years. Excessive milk drinking in adult life may be harmful, but there is no justification for withholding milk

from children, whose arteries seem to be immune to the effects of fat.

## Olive oil

2 MAKE USE of the evidence that vegetable fats are less dangerous than animal fats by trying in olive oil and other fats derived from plants.

Dr Ancel Keys, a leading U.S. dietitian, has compared the blood of British workmen, who ate large quantities of animal fat, with that of Italian workmen, who consumed olive oil instead.

He found that the Britons had a much stronger concentration of dangerous fatty substances in their blood. And Italian doctors told him that coronary thrombosis is much less common among the men he examined.

Finally there is the evidence that vegetarians are so free from coronary trouble that at least one insurance company offers them cut-price rates.

## Calories

3 AVOID serving extra large meals even on "occasions." There is evidence that a large intake of calories—in any form

—is bad for the heart, and there is little doubt that small caloric diet live longest.

## Weight

4 ENCOURAGE your husband to keep his weight down to within 7lb. of the amount he weighed when he was 25. Excess weight not only increases the risk of a heart attack but usually increases its severity. Experts estimate that men who weigh 15 stone instead of 12 run a 50 percent bigger risk of getting a "coronary."

## Lean meat

5 MAKE USE of the evidence—not yet proved but highly suggestive—that a substance called choline (pronounced coelen) helps to protect the coronary arteries against the damaging effect of fat.

Dr Charles Best, the famous Canadian scientist, who helped to discover insulin, is the man mainly behind this work. U.S. doctors reported beneficial results after feeding choline to coronary patients.

Lean meat, liver, kidney, and eggs are the richest natural sources of choline. Doctors recommend not more than one egg a day. Egg-yolk also contains fatty substances.

TO SUM UP, the main precautions are similar to those taken for ordinary dieting, but they also apply to SLIM people who tend to over-eat on fats.

I SAY: BLAME THE BOSSES WHO HAVE NOW FORFEITED SO MUCH OF THEIR MEN'S LOYALTY

# A Village Prepares To Die.. By GEORGE GALE

THE country is desperately short of coal and a colliery in South Wales has been closed. WHY?

Bryhenllys Colliery produced anthracite, the most valuable coal in the world. There is plenty of machinery to get it out. But the colliery is silent, miners queue at the employment exchange, and the village of Cwmtyrchepares to die. WHY? WHY?

I went to Hobart House, behind Buckingham Palace, to the headquarters of the National Coal Board. They said that it was a decision of their South-Western Division at Cardiff.

I went to Cardiff. There, they trotted out a lot of figures—very impressive figures.

In Bryhenllys output per manshift (which is the test of productivity in the coal industry) had dropped to

around 6 cwt. The average output per manshift in South-West Wales is around 18 cwt. The national average is about 24 cwt.

Why are the figures so bad? The Coal Board blames the men. "Indiscipline has persisted to a most serious degree and the aims of management were entirely thwarted."

All right, then, why the indiscipline? The Coal Board shrugs its shoulders. Is it the fault of the management? The Coal Board shakes its head.

## The poster

SO I went to see the miners beside the employment exchange in their valley outside Swansea. The poster in the window said: "Coal mining gives you a job for good—and good wages too." A miner looked at it and spat.

Miners on the pavement burst out laughing when one of them started singing: "Will you walk into my parlour said the spider to the fly?"

Two got into a small car. "How are you going to pay for that?" they shouted to the driver. "I'm not," he said.

A miner came out of the exchange. Another stubbed his finger into me. "Look at him. He's got a broken back. We don't use him. He was all right when he was on his back. He got his sick pay. Now he's better. He can walk. And he's like the rest of us. Finished. Sacked."

"What are you going to do now?" I asked the man with the broken back.

"I don't know," he said. Neither did anybody else.

## The old man

IT began to rain. The men moved off slowly and deliberately, into a pub. The "sleet" was not out yet.

"Why have they closed Bryhenllys?" I asked one of them.

He pointed to an old man in the corner, sipping his beer and sucking his pipe. "Ask him."

The old man said: "I've worked for 38 years in Bryhenllys. Under the old system before nationalisation we earned a good living wage, we were happy and the owners had their profit and they were happy. Nobody gets any money now."

"You blame nationalisation?" "No, man, we don't want to go back to the old owners but only to the old system."

A younger man said: "The colliery isn't paying, see? Nationalisation brings in all these men in their big cars, and roof inspectors, and a deputy for twenty men instead of one for fifty men, and managers who are spongers of the Coal Board chills."

"Look," said a third, "under the old system we had bosses we could talk to, drink with. I tell you now we have people coming down the pit and prodding us with their fancy walking-sticks."

They told me about their old system. That was when a man with a boy and a pick had his own stall and pillar of coal.

"Now," the miners said, "they've filled the pit with cutters and conveyors. If there's a roof-fall twenty men have to stop work. Under the old system just one man and his boy would have to stop."

## The houses

"THE Coal Board," I said, "says the discipline is bad."

"Look you here," said an angry miner, "in this village everybody has invested in his house and land. That's his castle. He's earned it with his sweat."

"The pit's closed. The place is going to be derelict. Who wants my house? Do you think I want the pit shut down?"

I bought him a drink. He suddenly turned to me and said—

"Do you believe in buying and selling? Well, we're selling sweat and bones, see? If they don't pay us enough, and cheat us, and dishonour verbal agreements, why should we work hard?"

"And I suppose they've shown you their figures? We don't keep figures. That's where we are stupid. But they've got it in print all right. They beat us every time."

People grew excited. Each man had some charge to make against "them." They brought in second-hand conveyor belts. They drove a road to a virgin seam and when they got there they decided not to work it. They wanted to shut the pit so as to blackmail other pits into working harder.

"It's a political move. There's such things as high politics that we can't fathom. The talk was angry, bitter, confused. I too was confused."

## The wagon

OUTSIDE the village the green valley shone after rain. A miner led me down to the stream, through the lines of coal wagons, into the colliery itself.

A wagon had three faces chalked on it. The miner kicked the first. "He's the manager. He doesn't count." A sharper kick. "He's the production chief. He's the big shot." A third kick. "He's the miner's agent."

A bird sang loud and clear. A cat slunk around the trolleys. Hordes of new trolley wheels rustled among the lavatory brackets. I could see the bright anthracite lying around.

Why? Whose fault was this? Then the miner with me stumbled in his pocket and brought out a brass disc with a figure stamped on it. He rubbed and dust off the window of the shed and looked through. It was the lamp-room. "There," he said. "Do you see my lamp there?" That man wanted to work in this pit. So did every other miner I met.

## The blame

DOUBTLESS they have been cunning, getting as much money for as little work as possible, buying and selling. You can blame them easily enough. Too easily, as the Coal Board does.

The board which said in London: "It's a decision of Cardiff," and in Cardiff could only say: "Look at the figures." The board which told the miners lose all their respect for its management. The board which changes from the old system to the new without persuading the men. The board which has forfeited these miners' loyalty to nationalisation. When men and management get completely out of touch the responsibility is the management's. I blame the Coal Board—not for closing down Bryhenllys, but for letting things come to such a pass that it had to be closed down.

# Espresso Girl

The new kind of coffee house has brought a new look to London...and a new kind of girl with it

by ANNE SHARPLEY



LOU DAVENALL

The longest pony-tail in the business.

Girls claims to have "started it all." His name, Renato Cimatti. When he visited his parents in Italy he decided the best thing to do when he got back to London was "to try to give people the idea they weren't in London." The way to do this was to open an exotic coffee-bar with warmth, birds, monkeys, music and charming girls.

"I knew professional waitresses would be no good. They would simply sling the stuff at the customers. What I wanted to provide was a pleasing experience, an escape from that sort of thing," says Mr Cimatti.

He chooses now girls for his constantly changing team of 18. Each of them must:

(1) Speak nicely.  
(2) Look neat and attractive.  
(3) Not be too siren-like. "No off-the-shoulder or deep plunge necklines. The women don't like it."

He doesn't mind how short a time the girls stay. There is an abundance of pretty girls of all nationalities—and the regular customers like a change.

One of his girls, Joy Webster, got a seven-year film contract and several of them have married well. For while coffee-bars are smart and fashionable

former playing Titania, she is certainly not to be called or even considered—a waitress.

She is apt to be not only intellectually your equal but sometimes your superior.

She is always "really" something else. A student of law, medicine, philosophy, economics. A model. An actress. Undiscovered genius.

But she is also a pretty girl—who needs money. Between jobs, between courses, saying for her holidays—whatever the reason—the Espresso Girl stays to complement the decor of the coffee-bar for a while—and then whisks away on her main purpose in life.

And the money? About £7 seems to be average, with meals provided.

The man who is the sort of Florence Ziegfeld to Espresso

the Espresso Girls can be sure of a smart, fashionable audience. Two pretty blonde girls serving Mr Cimatti's coffee now are from Australia, Helen Wiggins and Margaret Williams.

It is their way of affording the trip "to look around the Northern hemisphere."

Down the road another girl with bright brown eyes and a bun, Helen Sanders, serves Julian Slade with coffee and one morning may tell him that she too writes songs and music.

And perhaps she will sing her favourite "Time Means So Much With You" to him because she wants to be a singer as well.

Up the road Lou Davenall, half-French, half-Dutch, with the longest pony-tail in the business, surprises two Frenchmen by explaining in fluent French that there is no tea only coffee or chocolate. The Frenchmen roar in disbelief. "No tea? What's happening to England?"

Two Polish countesses, Renata and Beata Ostrowska are the



STELLA RILEY

An actress who does not believe in resting.

Espresso Girls in another coffee bar—their own. Renata is a war heroine. Beata is an RADA student, a dark Slavonic beauty.

Pippa Heape from Kenya explains that being an Espresso Girl demands rather a standard. "Everyone expects you to breed water-lilies or read Freud."

Eve Everett, a ballet student, dances in class in the morning and dances round with coffee in the afternoon.

Two models, Brenda Hanbury and Sally Wilson, fill in their non-working hours with serving coffee because they "like the atmosphere."

Diminutive, dark-haired Stella Riley, an actress, lives in a houseboat. Her last stage appearance was as a fairy at the Open-Air Theatre, Regent's Park, and she doesn't believe in "resting." She serves coffee instead.

## ★

And what do the Espresso Girls think of the public? Strangely enough they like us. (Except one Slade student with long black hair and long black sweater, who found us "petit bourgeois.")

They know their brief but energetic stay in the shade of an Espresso machine is all in aid of this urgent quest for "seeing life" that is the basis of all great works of literature, music, drama and art.

Personally I expect a deluge of great works inspired by Life as an Espresso Girl.

And there are about 200 Espresso machines in the London area.

# Petticoat Rebellion

By J. C. Graham

IT all began when officialdom decided, despite protests, to close down the railway line from Nelson—a sunny, happy little New Zealand town, until this day—to Glenhope.

When gangsters came to tear up the line and station buildings, women of the district rose in wrath to defend their railway.

"We wives watched our men try to stop all this in a lawful way," said Mrs Ruth Page, 40-year-old leader of the women's revolt. "When that failed, we decided to try direct action ourselves. We will be run over by trucks if necessary."

Day after day, rain or shine, a roster of 10 women camped on the line at the whistle-stop station of Kiwi, baiting, reading, and drinking cups of tea supplied by local residents.

When railwaymen tried to remove machinery the women sat on it and refused to let it go.

They shook hands with the railwaymen and offered them ice creams, but turned a deaf ear to all appeals to clear the line. Mrs Page went without sleep for 48 hours at a stretch, organising for forces.

When the women were arrested they were delighted. "That's fine," said Mrs Page. "We want the whole of New Zealand to know why we are doing this."

Cheered by large crowds, nine women went along willingly with the police to be charged with obstruction and trespassing. They were fined £4 each.

"Their actions have been foolish and futile from beginning to end," said the magistrate. "If tempers had frayed, it could have resulted in a nasty situation."

But the women became local heroines. They had their fines paid by supporters. Now residents are pinning their faith in a petition to Parliament.

The women's revolt gave the New Zealand Government a jolt when the closing of the line was debated in Parliament. Local MPs voted with the Opposition, and the Government scraped home by only one vote.

Will the women carry on their revolt? At the moment they won't say. "It's a secret plan," one of them told me. There may be repercussions in hastening the construction of a rail link to Nelson from the main line system. Even that would be a victory for Nelson.

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# REFEREE CHANG MISSED HOGAN'S HANDLING AND CLUB PAID THE PENALTY

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The main topic around the touchlines at Causeway Bay yesterday was equally divided between eyesight tests and the astonishing blunder by Referee Chang which robbed Club of a certain goal at a vital stage of the game.

In the 20th minute of the second half, with the score at 3-1 in favour of the Soldiers, Club made a determined attack down the centre. The ball bobbed about on the 18 yards line and was suddenly lobbed forward, two forwards went for it, and out of a bunch of players a neat header beat goalkeeper Charlesworth and sailed towards the unprotected goal.

Right back Hogan raced back and punched the ball away. Charlesworth got it as it dropped and booted it unhit in a half-hearted sort of manner as he in common with the other players, waited for the whistle to signal a penalty kick. They waited in vain. The whistle never sounded and the ball was carried upfield and well out of danger.

It is absolutely certain that every player, and I feel sure every spectator, saw the incident, how the referee missed it is a mystery and the only redeeming factor in the whole situation was the sporting manner in which the Club players accepted the "blunder" and did not "blunder" by the man with the whistle.

A goal at that stage would have changed the whole run of the game but, as so often happens after such an incident, the goal that really finished the struggle came just afterwards at the other end.

Play was hard and even at the start and both sides moved the ball about to good purpose. The Club's first time tactics matched the more polished play of the Army.

Midway through the first half after a long goalkeeper by Jones had denied the soldiers a goal, the Club went into the lead when Ashworth, in trying to clear past through his own goal, immediately after Jones had again turned a corner, and a hard drive from White only to see McClay fasten onto the clearance and slip it into the net.

Club started to tire after the interval and McMillan soon put the Army further ahead.

Immediately after the "punishment" White ran through the Club defence and from just outside the penalty area cracked the fourth and last goal into the net. Club never gave up trying but it was goalkeeper Jones who stood between them and a much heavier defeat. He performed near miracles between the sticks and well deserved the congratulations that came his way at the end.

Other Blues and Whites who did well were Planck, Phayer, Pickering and Tomlinson. The soldiers got their best service from Crompton, McInnes, Ashworth, McMillan and White. VERDICT: A hard enough game that never reached any great heights. All the honours of the day go to Taffy Jones for his fine show in the Club goal, but Oh, that punching incident really, referee!

## THE TEAMS

Club: Jones; Planck, Bishop, Douglas, Phayer, Pickering, Tomlinson, O'Kelly, Neal, Martin and McCall.

Army: Charlesworth; Hogan, Crompton, McInnes, Ashworth, Egan, McClay, McMillan, Morris, White, Chesterman.

## S. China 1, Kitchee 1

South China lost a vital point, a player and a host of friends by a series of mistakes in a display of desperate football at Caroline Hill on Saturday.

They were fortunate indeed not to lose two points and two players, for their play never merited anything better than the losers' end, and Chan Chi-kong is the luckiest player in the Colony today in that he didn't finish the afternoon beside Luk Tak-hay in the dressing room.

Luk Tak-hay was ordered off the field by Referee Hancock midway through the second half, and the stony silence in which

he made his undignified march to the sideline was adequate, if made good that the great crowd was quite satisfied that justice was being served.

He had barely left the field when his teammate, Chan Chi-kong, committed another offence and was every bit as glaring and deliberate as the one that had just gone before it. Again a Kitchee player was carted to the touchline for repairs and this time the referee called a mid-field foul-war move to which all players were summoned. But in the general get-together the full extent of Chan Chi-kong's shocking performance was apparently forgotten and he was allowed to stay in the game.

It is distressing to see this once great South China team trying desperately to gather success by the use of tactics that make a poor substitute for their former brilliance.

There is not the shadow of a doubt that in this game they were the arch villains.

Kitchee from the start tried to play fair football and there was a freshness about their orthodox looking work which, although it lacked the intricate artistry of that of Yiu Cheuk-yin, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah, always seemed more likely to produce goals.

Lau Kai-chu led the forward line with dash, determination and skill in spite of some very rough treatment. He put his side ahead in the 6th minute with a neatly headed goal and came near to increasing the lead on several occasions.

## ILL-REWARDED

His enthusiasm was ill-rewarded when he was carried from the field in the 28th minute after a clash of heads with Luk Tak-hay. He came back just before the interval with his head swathed in bandages but still did enough to show that on current form he is the outstanding Chinese centre-forward in the Colony at the present time.

South China played desperately after they lost Luk Tak-hay and many additional changes were made to try and save the game. It was fitting that when the equaliser did come it was scored by Ho Cheung-yau whose conduct and play had been above reproach throughout the afternoon.

Getting a through pass from the right, he fought his way into the goal area before sending the ball past Cheung Koon-hing.

This is the sort of game that one wants to forget. Referee Hancock cannot escape censure for his kid glove handling of players during a teethy first half. An iron fist at that stage would have saved the view was obstructed when Luk Tak-hay sent Tam Yung-ken crashing to the ground with as vicious a tackle as it has been my displeasure to see in a long time. He was right on the spot later when Tam retaliated and into the book went the left winger's name.

Kitchee should have won this game in a canter. Tam Yung-ken had two "sitting-duck" chances in the second half but both his elevation and his direction were poor.

For Kitchee, Toledo, Chan Fung-hung, Lam Sheung-ye, Lau Kai-chu, and the great mastermind Lau Yee took the honours. . . how the South China faithful must have longed for the return of the old maestro to their defence line. In a sadly disappointing South China team Lau Chi-ping, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah alone played like Champions. Kwok Ying-ke looked short of match practice and the defence lacked the mobility that Fong Sal-chow could have given to it. It is hard to see what South China have to gain by bringing such a veteran into their line-up, especially when they have good youngsters available.

VERDICT: . . . it is unanimous . . . South China . . . Guilty. . . and, slipping badly. Kitchee on this form are still the dark horses of the League competition.

## THE TEAMS

South China: Lau Kin-cheung; Luk Tak-hay, Lau Chi-ping; Kwok Kam-hung, Kwok Ying-ke, Chan Chi-kong; Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Chan Wai-lam, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Kitchee: Cheung Koon-hing; Toledo, Lau Sheung-ye; Chan Fung-hung, Lau Yee, Kwok Yau, Hung Wan-kyi, Two Kam-ho, Lau Kai-chu, Lam Sheung-ye, Tam Yung-ken.

## ZATOPEK IN LONDON



Emil Zatopek, the Czech triple Olympic champion, and World's 10,000 Metres record holder, waves to the welcome he received on his arrival at London Airport last week with his wife, Dana, who is carrying a bouquet presented to her on behalf of the London Athletic Club. They competed in the Prague team against London at White City on October 12. Central Press Photo.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

# Warriors Come Off The Field With Their Second Victory Of The Season

By "TIME OUT"

Eddie Marques' Warriors came off the field at King's Park yesterday with their second win of the season as they accounted for the rookie Blackhawks outfit 13-9. In the Senior "B" Division, the youthful Delawares stole the limelight with a 7-6 trimming over the Hurricane side.

In the morning fracas, Chinese fans got their second disappointment of the year when the lowly Chinese Athletic squad bowed humbly to a faster Panda squad as the latter took them to town with a convincing 16-6 trouncing. With this defeat, it seems that the Athletic outfit is doomed to the dark, cold cellar this year.

Warrior star moundsman Eddie Marques led the rubber for the winners yesterday, turning in a brilliant game, scattering six hits to help his team notch up their second triumph in as many tries. Hawk windmill artist Joey Green hoisted the mound flag for the losers and was nicked for four hits in his three-inning tenure on the slab, giving up 10 runs. Ronnie Barretto, who took over mound duties in the fourth, started shakily and gave up another four hits for three runs.

Both teams started off in tip-top fashion, as the game progressed into the third frame with a 0-0 count. In this final inning, the inexperienced Hawks fell to pieces with five costly bingles to see a procession of Warrior batsmen rounding the sacks in monotonous fashion, with the scoreboard showing a 10-0 count when the dust had settled.

## TOWERING FLY

Lanky Joe Reis started the ball rolling with a towering fly to centre which outfielder Rodriguez lost in the sun, giving him three bases. A sacrifice, a walk and an error pushed a run across, and a further free pass to first with bases brimming saw the second tally coming across.

Another towering fly went screaming off to centrefield from Dick Pereira's hickory and once again the sun intervened to see the spheroid bouncing off the mitt of gardener Rodriguez. When the ball was finally corralled, the bases were cleared amidst loud cheers from the Warrior quarter.

Hank Killean then latched on to one of Green's fireballs, sending it way over the out-

stretched glove of leftfielder Remedios for a homer. A wall blended with another two costly infield errors put two more tallies across the pan. It seemed that this frame would never end when finally the Hawks settled down with a captured fly-ball and a strike-out.

The much-disheartened "Eagles" tried desperately to crawl back into the game with two runs in their half of the third, but once again the Warriors forged ahead with three more tallies in the fourth to sew up the game.

It seemed that the Hawks had finally settled down then as the Warriors never threatened again in the later innings. Though the youngsters fought back with everything they had, raking in runs in clusters of twos and threes, the margin was too wide and they had to take a back-seat in their first Senior League game.

## STOLE THE LIMELIGHT

Dick "Man Mountain" Pereira stole the limelight in this thrilling tussle as he turned in an unusually good game in the outfield besides connecting thrice in his four trips to the plate. Teammate Hank Killean paced

him with a two-in-three, one of which was a home run in the final third frame. In the Senior "B" Division, the spotlight turned on the weak Hurricane line as they came near to defeating the all-powerful Delaware outfit, bowling 6-7.

Trailing 7-2 in the bottom of the sixth, the Hurricanes busted through with four big runs to breathe down the necks of their opponents. After W. S. Chang walked, P. K. Yeung singled and on an infield out runners were on second and third. A bit badly timed with three wild heaves in the infield saw three runs coming across. The fourth was accounted for by K. C. Wong when he sneaked in on a wild pitch. Seeing their lead out down so rapidly, the Delawares settled down to safe fielding to retire the side.

The last frame saw Hurricanes going down in rapid, one-two-three order to give the "Indians" the victory.

In the Ladies' section, the newly-formed Tai Tung ladies were victims to another massacre as the South China girls gave no quarter in their five-inning squish with this poor lot of rookies, demoralising them with an incredible 60-0 score.

In their two starts in the league, Tai Tung have allowed 101 runs against them to their three.

If team managers allow this farce to continue, one can be sure that the Tai Tung girls will soon drop out of the League completely. Instead of encouraging these young players, it seems that our more experienced girls are out to devote them to the game with these lop-sided scores.

Most of the Junior and Ladies' League games postponed from the beginning of the season, will be played off today.

## EASTERN 5, RAF 2

# Eastern Win Their Sixth Game In A Row, But Fail To Please The Fans

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Eastern, the only unbeaten team in the Senior Division League, gained their sixth successive victory when they defeated the Royal Air Force by a 5-2 margin at the Police ground yesterday.

It would have been a wider margin for Eastern had there not been one miss, two misses. One miss led to another and it would have been a very sorry tale indeed had the Chinese been without Chu Wing-keung—the only sharp-shooting forward in Eastern's side.

Thus it was a battle of near-misses. If one was thrilled by the early escapes of the two goalkeepers, the thrills were lost in boredom and disappointment as the long minutes grew longer.

For the record it must be said that the Royal Air Force missed at least three certainities which their forwards muffed in front of goal when they had practically no defenders in their way.

With the still unbeaten Eastern side scoring in the 10th and 37th minute and dominating the first half until the game became almost a one-sided affair, there were many who had expected the Chinese to leave behind a trail of goals to remember them by instead of only five.

THEIR OWN FAULT That this didn't happen was entirely their own fault. The

Chinese forwards, Kwok Ying-lok, Hau Ching-to, Lau Che-lam, and in particular right-winger Ho Ying-fun, were playing artistic football and instead of going for goals they took to drawing pictures with the ball.

One thing must be said about the soccer served up at the Police ground, particularly that of reputable team like Eastern, comprising players who have been tipped to win the Senior Division Championship. The soccer served up was not up to the mark. It is a pity that soccer fans pay to see and it's goals that are the hallmark of any team which labels itself first class.

Eastern yesterday fell short of these. Because they are yet the unbeaten side does not necessarily

mean they can afford to take things easy when facing a weaker team.

The Air Force's fullbacks, Bretell and Martin, were brilliant but their centre-forward, Stewart, will have to watch his waistline if he wants to outrun the defenders. Although Stewart netted both the goals for the Air Force, with two well-placed shots too, there were times when he simply didn't know what to do with the ball when hard pressed by Tan Kiu-sau and Lee Kwok-wah.

There is no denying the fact that although the Air Force were beaten, they certainly deserve a word of praise for their great fighting display. Undismayed with a 2-0 interval score against them, they fought tooth and nail in the second half to net two snap goals that made their defeat less bitter.

One thing that can be said about the RAF was that they had that degree of certainty, and polish about their play that always made them look dangerous whenever they were attacking.

Eastern moved up quickly from the start and a testing time for the Royal Air Force defence was only relieved when Lau Che-lam was caught off to spoil a flashing forward move.

By the fourth minute the Eastern forwards really got going. Chu Wing-keung loosed an accurate centre over to Kwok Ying-lok, but the latter in his eagerness to beat Price shot the ball three feet over the crossbar.

Next to test Price was Ho Ying-fun whose first time crashed smelt on to the Air Force's custodian. Eastern's first corner came in the 6th minute. Slightly off target, Ho Ying-fun tapped the ball to Lau Che-lam who crossed it back to Ying-fun and in a flash Hau Ching-to rushed up to receive the ball from Eastern's right-winger, only to find his well-directed shot tipped over the RAF's goalkeeper for a fruitless corner.

CAME CLOSE The Air Force came close to opening the score in the 12th minute. A miskick by Eastern's Lee Ping-chui saw RAF's Stewart pouncing on the ball for a well-tried shot that was inches wide.

Eastern opened the scoring in the 16th minute through a throw-in shot by Ho Ying-fun. Kwok Ying-lok got on to the ball, centred it to Chu Wing-keung who crashed in a beautiful header that had Price beaten all the way.

Two near misses at this stage deprived the Chinese of a chance of lengthening their 1-0 lead when Ho Ying-fun and then Kwok Ying-lok pelted at Price with feeble shots that would have been goals had there been power behind their attempts.

From the 30th minute onwards the Royal Air Force came into their true form and Yung Poy-dor was called upon to work overtime as Stewart, Clarke and Blagburn took turns to pelt shot after shot at Eastern's goalmouth.

The nearest the Air Force came to beating Yung Poy-dor was when Stewart moved onto a work overtime as Stewart, Clarke and Blagburn took turns to pelt shot after shot at Eastern's goalmouth.

After surviving this hectic period, Eastern took over and in the 37th minute a Ho Ying-fun, Kwok Ying-lok and Chu Wing-keung move ended upon Eastern's inside-left, beating Price with a nice header.

Eastern left the field for the breather with the score still unchanged at 2-0.

THREE UP Eastern were three: up early in the 7th minute when a centre from Kwok Ying-lok saw Hau Ching-to putting his head to the ball for goal number three.

The Air Force, far from discouraged with a 3-0 score against them, unleashed their combined weight in a series of raids. Surprise number one from them came in the 8th minute. A breakthrough by left-winger Blagburn saw him placing the ball right into the feet of Stewart who dribbled past Lee Ping-chui to beat Yung Poy-dor with an unexpected shot!

The Chinese made it 4-1 by the 15th minute and this time it was Chu Wing-keung again who completed his hat-trick with a picture goal that gave Price no chance.

It took the Air Force the next seven minutes before they were able to beat Yung Poy-dor through Stewart. As with their first goal, Stewart caught the Chinese goalkeeper with a sizzling long range drive.

The next minute Eastern made sure of victory when a Ho Ying-fun-Kwok Ying-lok combination culminated with Kwok noting the seventh and last goal of the game.

TEAMS Eastern: Yung Poy-dor; Lee Ping-chui, Tan Kiu-sau; Lee Kwok-wah, Ho Po-keung, Chow Man-chi, Ho Ying-fun, Lau Che-lam, Kwok Ying-lok, Chu Wing-keung, Hau Ching-to. RAF: Price; Bretell, Martin; Fong, Burns, Slater, Frootier, McLennan, Stewart, Clarke, Blagburn.

# American Sets New World Weightlifting Record

Munich, Oct. 16.

The American Paul Anderson set up a new World record for Weightlifting (Heavyweight class), here today with a total of 512.5 kilograms, for the three Olympic movements.

Anderson's Olympic triathlon performance was as follows: Press—185.0 kilos, Snatch—145.0 kilos, Clean and Jerk—182.5 kilos.

The previous World record, set up by American Norbert Schemansky, was a total of 487.5 kilos.

The other results of the World Championships are: 2. James Bradford, (United States), 475 kilos (165, 145 and 165). 3. Eino Mäkelinen (Finland) 422.5 kilos (127.5, 127.3, 167.5). 4. Theo Aalderson (Germany) 420.0 kilos (150, 120, and 150).

TOP OF LIST The Soviet Union came top of the list of nations at the end of the World Weightlifting Championships with 29 points. The United States was second with 25.

Third was Egypt (4 points), fourth Iran (2 points), and fifth equal: Burma, Sweden, and Finland with one point each.

In the European Championships, the results were as follows: 1. Soviet Union—33 points. 2. France—6 points. 3. Finland—5 points. 4. Italy—4 points. 5. Germany and Sweden—3 points each. 7. Poland and Czechoslovakia—2 points each.

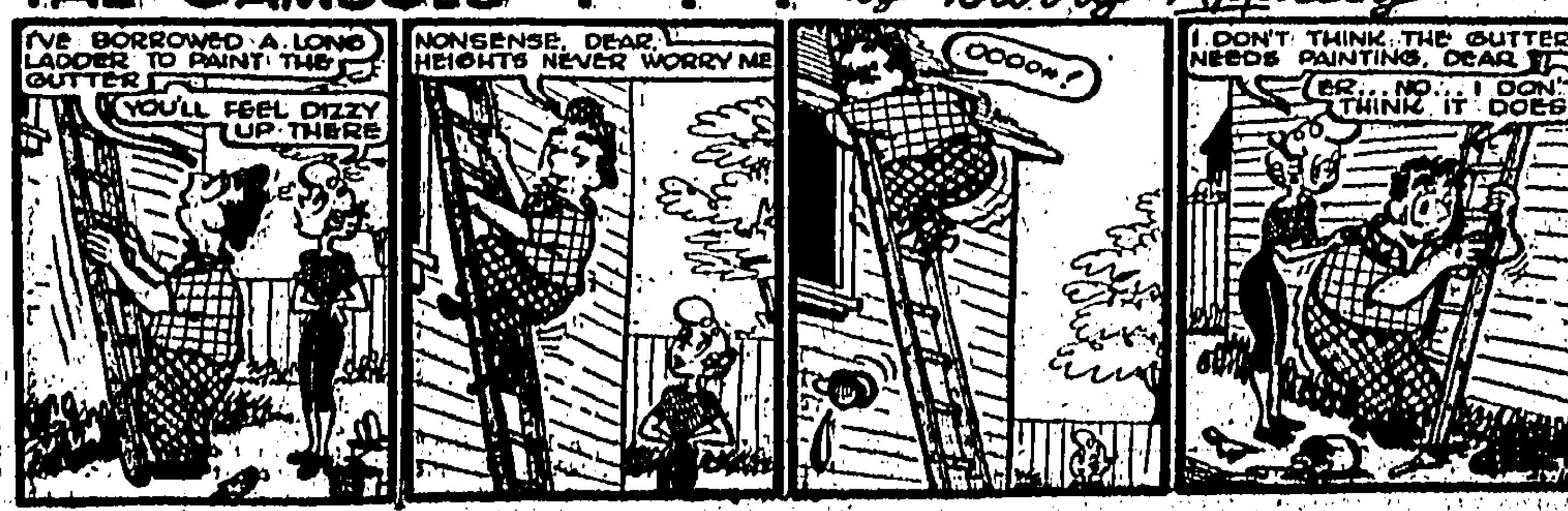
## High And Mighty Wins Three-Day Horse Trials

Turin, Oct. 16. Sheila M. Wilcox (Britain) with 28.01 points won the international three-day horse trials which ended here today. She rode High and Mighty and is the first woman to win such an event of international character. In the general classification, A. Lucke Wenthus (Germany) on Schwabe Von Westbovern, was second with 47.01 points and Capt. Lefrant third with 68.81 points. The team event was won by Britain with Germany second, Switzerland third, China, Mail Special.

## EAST INDIA BADMINTON

Colcutta, Oct. 16. Eddie Yusuf and Olieh of Indonesia will participate in the East India Badminton Championships being held here from November 9 to 13. The organisers said today efforts were being made to get top ranking players from Thailand for the series. Shanghai All of Pakistan may also compete—China Mail Special.

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# High Standard Of Rugger For The Beginning Of The Season

By "PAK LO"

Without doubt Saturday afternoon proved that the new system of splitting the major fifteens into smaller units is a big improvement over the previous system. Not only were the fifteens well matched, but the standard of rugger, allowing for the fact that this was the beginning of the season, was remarkably good.

The refereeing, on the whole, also was above last year's standard, and some of the new referees deserve fulsome praise for the way they ran the games.

On Saturday morning I gave you a forecast for the afternoon and with one exception the games went the way I expected. The exception was the Club "A" v. RAF Island by 9 points (3 tries) to 6 points (2 tries), in a fast game in which the fortunes swung first to one side, then to the other.

Following them, Club "B" played, practically the whole game with 10 men, lost by 28 points (5 tries, 2 goals, 1 penalty goal) to nil.

On the other side of the harbour, 48 Brigade beat H.K. & K. Garrison by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to nil in a rather scrappy match, while the RAF Mainland went down to the Gunners by 16 points (2 goals, 2 penalty goals) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) in a hard game. Finally the Police lost narrowly to the Navy by 6 points (2 tries) to 3 points (1 try) in a real ding-dong battle.

Club "A" v. RAF Island

The Club settled down very quickly and were on the offensive for most of the first half in which they scored their first 6 points.

After that they began to lag and slowly the RAF came into their own. In the second half the Club faded almost completely from the scene as fitness began to tell.

The forwards, with three exceptions, could not keep up with the game and as a result the three were on the defensive and it looked as if the forecast for this game would also be correct.

However Kerr pulled his forwards together in the closing minutes and gave his three the chance to score, which they did.

The Club's three were quite impressive, and Collins on the wing was a definite asset. The two centres were good with Penman the more aggressive. O'Kelly at fly half put in some very useful kicking, but he rather overdid it and if he feeds his wings more should lead the Club to blunter victories.

**MORE OF THE BALL.** Up to the time when the Club had scored twice the RAF were playing with 14 men, with seven in the forwards, but once their 15th man appeared they saw much more of the ball, particularly in the set pieces.

Southwick was the best of the RAF forwards, while Cody played a very good game on one wing, often open up the Club defence on his own, but he lacked support from the other three.

Club kicked off and within two minutes were awarded a penalty for offside on the RAF 25. O'Kelly hit the upright, and from the resulting melee there was a scrum. The ball came back to O'Kelly who whipped it out to Collins on the wing, and with a good run the latter scored well out. The conversion was missed.

Still pressing, the Club scored again another 10 minutes later. This was an opportunist try pure and simple, with a large lump of luck added.

The Club won a lineout on the halfway and O'Kelly kicked ahead. Cornish, the RAF full back, gathered, but as he was being seriously harassed by Stone, kicked rather wildly for touch. Instead of finding touch the ball went straight into Penman's hands as he was coming up fast, and taking the ball without breaking his stride he was able to score.

And then it was the RAF's turn. They narrowly missed a penalty on the Club 25, and then swept the Club back to within five yards of their line. The three fumbles by the Club and some stupid play let the RAF remain in this position for a few more minutes, and from a five-yard scrum they kept the ball in the pack and, pushing the Club back, took the ball over the line and collapsed on it. The conversion was narrowly missed.

Still the RAF attacked and had their three been a little quicker off the mark they could have at this point scored freely.

From half way the RAF, winning the scrum, sent their three off and a kick ahead was gathered by Cody, who scored near the post. The easy kick was missed, 0-6.

Shortly after this the RAF missed another penalty, and finally the Club forwards took the pressure off their backs and swept upfield, and from a scrum about five yards from the line they scored again. The ball came out to Stone on the wing and he whipped it into O'Kelly who scored. The conversion was missed.

Club "B" v. 27 Brigade

The Club "B" team was not as a par with their "A" team, particularly behind the scrum, and the backs fumbled their way through the game. In the opening minutes the "B" lost Shaffer through a dislocated arm and the pack could never hold their opponents in the lineouts.

However, surprisingly they hooked like veterans and, playing 3-4-0, the ball whipped out from the scrum, but the three could not combine into an effective attack or defence. Once again the question of fitness came to the fore, and 27 Brigade lasted the game out much better.

Without much opposition their three looked much superior, and their pack backed up well. Blackburn was the outstanding man, and time and again he slipped through the weak Club defence to score. As regards the scoring, 27 Brigade scored 14 points in each half and were never in any danger.

**HK&K Garrison v. 48 Brigade**

Neither side in this match were very impressive, and while the Garrison forwards were the better in the light and loose, the three just could not get together and some poor passing was the result.

48 Brigade's three were superior and they snapped up their chances and scored. The jerseys in this match were very confusing and something must be done about it. The 27 Brigade jerseys also resemble those of these two teams, to make confusion worse confounded.

The tackling by both sides could be greatly improved, particularly H.K. & K. Garrison's.

**Gunners v. RAF Mainland**

The praise and blame in this game is fairly easy to apportion. The RAF backs were much the better and took every opening offered to them, but the Gunners' pack, carrying more weight, or at least using it to more effect, kept the ball to themselves, and gave the Gunners three plenty of chances.

The Gunners three tried hard, ran well, but their passing... fumble, fumble, fumble is the best description. Meanwhile the RAF pack was doing its best and showed up quite well in the lineouts and the loose.

Maudsley replaced Gorman in the centre of the Gunners' three, but did not have the ability to make the opening that Gorman would be a useful addition to, practically any side in the Colony.

For the RAF Cornish at fly half played well, and he and Lewis in the centre made an effective combination, while Lamb, as usual, was outstanding in the lineouts.

**HARD TACKLING**

The Gunners opened with a strong attack but were held by hard tackling when 15 yards from their goal. Then from a lineout the ball went to Lewis, who went off with a terrific run to pass on to Cornish, then whipped outside Cornish to make an extra man in effect and scored well out. Robinson converted with a good kick.

This first score was entirely against the run of play, and the Gunners once more attacked and were awarded a penalty for offside about 30 yards out.

Buckley made no mistake with a lovely kick to make it 5-3. Again the Gunners three moved into the attack, but spoiled a certain scrum with a knock on, and Logan took the ball and with a long kicking kick sent his team into the Gunners' half of the field. On the Gunners' 25 the ball came back to Thomas who headed himself and dropped a very nice goal to give the Airman a five point lead.

Just before half time the Gunners added a penalty goal to their score. This was a really good kick. Just inside the touchline a good 30 yards out and against a strong wind.

The second half opened with a RAF attack but the Gunners quickly put paid to the RAF's chances when they forced them back to within ten yards of the RAF line, and then from the loose maul whipped the ball out to Glen who scored, and then converted his own try, 8-11.

In the closing moments the Gunners settled the question when a nice three move was finished by Anderson sending Cody over. The try was converted, 8-16.

**Police v. Navy**

This was one of the best and closest matches of the afternoon, and a real ding-dong battle from start to finish. As I suggested on Saturday, Lloyd dropping back to the centre of the three line was a mistake, for it was the halves who lost the Police this game.

The Police forwards had a slight edge in both the scrums and the lineouts, but despite a plentiful supply of the ball the Police three saw little of it. Johnston at full back for the Police is a definite find, and the defence is safe in his hands so there is no reason why Lloyd should stay in the three line.

The Police are definitely an up and coming team but for so long they have played as the inferior side that their thinking is based on defensive play. This was necessary before, but if they will open up the game and attack, attack they will improve out of all recognition.

The Navy, on the other hand, got fine service from the base of the scrum and Sherwood is a much improved player, over last year. Lloyd and Hewitt combined well in the three and were always dangerous.

**BACK AND FORTH**

Play swung back and forth for the first 20 minutes, but then Navy opened the scoring. From a scrum about 15 yards from the line Sherwood got the ball and sent out a lovely pass to Davies, who tore through to score. Turner took the kick and it just slid under the crossbar, 3-0.

Despite terrific pressure from both sides there was no further scoring until ten minutes from the end of the game. Police attacked to ten yards from the Navy line and when the Navy took them completely by surprise, and the spectators as well, and before anyone had realised what had happened had streaked through the Policemen to score with a beautiful run. The conversion was missed.

Back came the Police again but now the Navy seemed to have taken the game into their own hands. They started a dangerous three move. But it was the Navy's turn to be surprised as Johnston intercepted a pass and went downfield like a greyhound. The Navy just stopped him with a few yards to go, but a weak clearance sent the ball into the hands of the Navy and down the wing he went to score well out, making the final tally 6-3.

Now to switch to forthcoming events. The Police are playing Pakaki on Wednesday at Boundary Street at 5.30 p.m., and the RAF Mainland are taking on 27 Lt. Bty. (Stargers) at Kai Tak on the same day.

The Club have arranged for Don Golan, the referee, to come down to the Clubhouse on Wednesday night at 6.30 to run a game for them over the board. Questions will be answered to the best of Don Golan's ability. After this there will be a showing of the training film. All Club members are informed that they MUST turn up to this.

**SATURDAY'S TEAMS**

Club "A": Cole, Stone, Penman, Valentine, Collins, O'Kelly, Roberts, Williams, Russell, Slack, Barker, Carr, Talano, Ellis, Kerr.

RAF Island: Cornish, Cody, Lewis, Fleming, Faust, McGarthy, Fairhurst, Tait, Enderby, Gale, Anderson, Marm, Hodgson, Southwick, Wood, Martin, Speer, Purves, McGee, Shaffer, Knight, Rankin, McColl, McCowan, Wilson, Hargrove.

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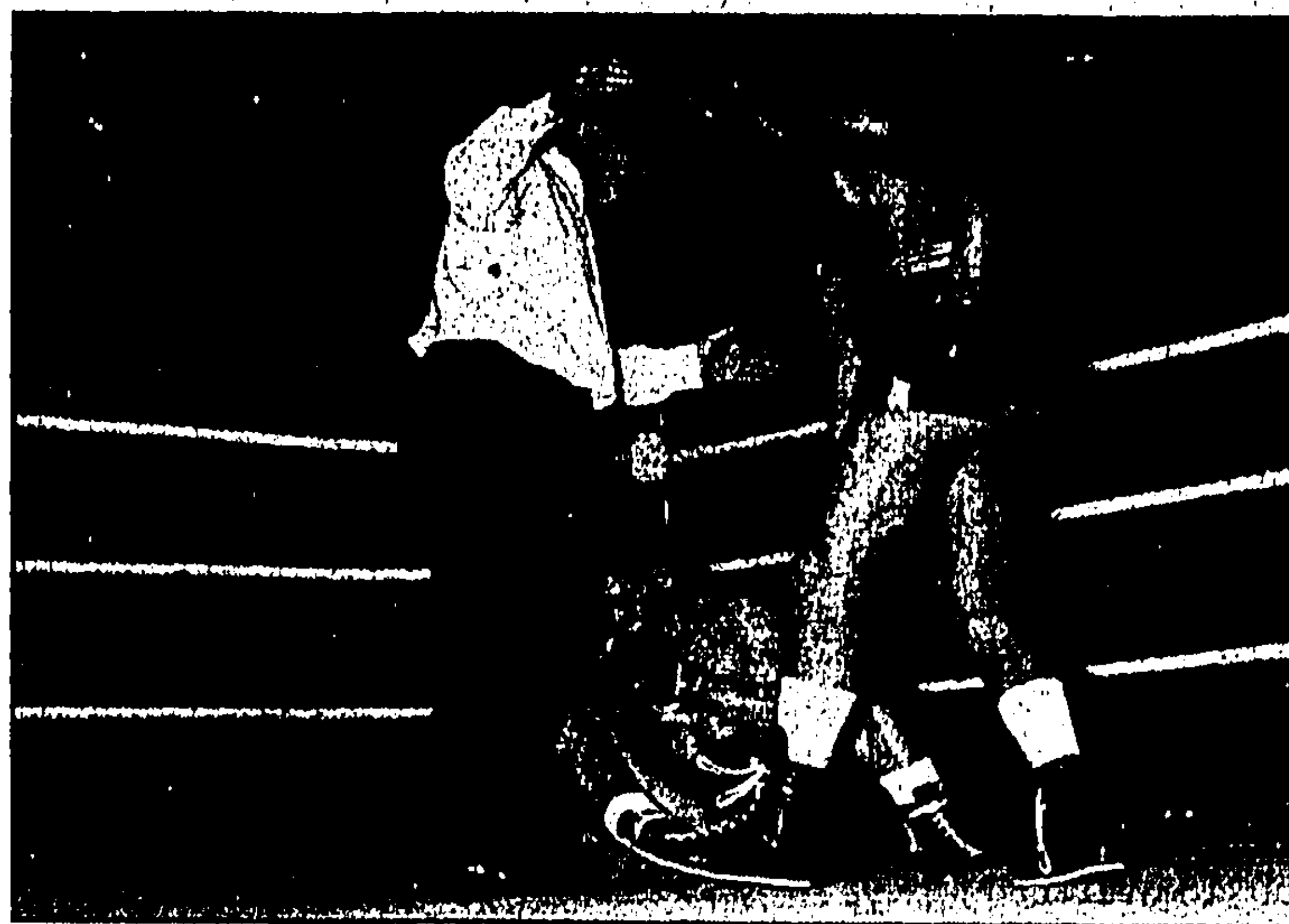
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## TO MEET ARCHIE MOORE



Randolph Turpin, British and British Empire Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will meet World Champion Archie Moore of the United States in a title bout at London next January 10. Moore, 39, recently lost to America's Rocky Marciano in a bid for the World Heavyweight title.

Picture shows Turpin during his fight last March with Jose Gonzalez of Spain. Gonzalez is lying on the canvas. Turpin won the fight by a seventh-round knockout.—Express Photo.

## STAND BY FOR FIREWORKS WHEN...

# Turpin Aims To Prove His Worth And Pompey Follows Suit

Says DENNIS HART

If the impact of leather on flesh created sparks, Harringay arena on October 18 would be staging a fireworks display.

On that night Randolph Turpin, erstwhile king of the World's Middleweights, aims, with the least possible ceremony and no disturbance of Commonwealth relations, to knock the block off Canada's Gordon Wallace.

Anything short of such treatment of Mr Wallace will disappoint the fans. For Turpin must prove that he is worthy of doing battle with Archie Moore for the World Cruiserweight title at Earl's Court on January 10.

Many doubt this. Turpin's record since leaving the fame, and shame, gained in the Middleweight ranks, does nothing to dispel the fears. He has not met one World class Cruiser. His performances in disposing of half a dozen other less rated belligerents have not been too convincing.

**FISTIC DISPLAY**

Yet Turpin seeking to re-establish himself will be only half of the fistic fireworks display.

For the other top-line fight of the evening features Yolande Pompey.

Pompey tackles another Canadian, Yvonne Durelle. He intends to offer a convincing argument that before entertaining World title notions Turpin should prove himself a better man than Yolande Pompey.

While many regard Turpin's assault on Moore with suspicion, the Pompey stable look on it as downright injustice.

To quote manager Jack Burns, "Turpin must be Jack Solomon's pet. Pompey does all the work to justify his World title claims—then Turpin gets the fight. The least that could have happened is that Turpin and Pompey fought an eliminator for the right to meet Moore. If not, then Pompey should have been chosen for the fight."

What has the Trinidad done to merit the honour? Down in black and white for all to see is the following entry in the record books: "March 17, 1954, Jimmy Slade—won on points."

That was an official eliminator for the World title. Negro Jimmy Slade, it will be remembered, is the man who knocked Don Cockell from his cruiserweight perch three years ago.

Since winning that eliminator Pompey has got not one punch nearer a crack at the World crown.

No wonder he's fed up. But he's also determined. "I'll show 'em," is the Pompey policy for October 18. What Turpin does to Wallace, Pompey aims to do to Durelle. And Durelle, who has beaten Wallace three times, is the man with whom Ron Baron, Britain's unbeaten Cruiserweight hope, has no wish to have further argument.

It should be quite a night.

**TOO CLEVER**

It should end with Turpin proving too clever for Wallace— if not he will be unable to cross fists with Archie Moore—and Pompey being a bit too shrewd for the durable Durelle.

The night's evidence will point, I fancy, to Turpin having the edge on Pompey. But the fans, who despite their criticism will flock to see Turpin fight Moore, would be a lot easier if the British and Empire Champion had really proved that edge in combat.

And I've a hunch that when he steps into the ring to do battle with Ancient Arch he would make Turpin feel easier, too.

Where now Dal Dower? That is the question all Britain is asking of the quick-talking, quick-moving Welsh lad who came from the coal face to be hailed as another Jimmy Wilde.

Soldon has a Champion lost his title as unceremoniously as did Dower, bluffed and bundled to defeat in twelve rounds by Spain's Young Martin. Eleven times Dower went down before the Spaniard's onslaughts.

Many reasons have been put forward for his eclipse—business worries, family worries, Dower's alleged suspect tactics, Sportsman that he is Dower makes no excuses. "Get him in the ring again for me," is all the British Champion asks.

One clear fact does emerge, however. This is the Maritano age of boxing. The human battering rams who charge in where others fear, to trend are coming out tops.

And on its own all the scientific boxing in the world can't stop them. The purists must learn to hit, and to be hit. (London Express Service). (Copyright)

## LEAGUE CRICKET

# ARTHUR RUMJAHN TAKES A CHANCE AND IRC WIN

By "RECORDER"

Indian Recreation Club's captain, Arthur Rumjahn, took a chance with ageing spinner A. R. Minu at Sookunpoo on Saturday and the gamble came off. Even "Fatty" Minu admitted that his legs, at 46, were failing him, but his left-handed spin bowling is still not too easy to play.

KCC needed 20 runs with seven wickets down to win when Minu came in for his second spell. He bowled Hull and had Chamberlain caught by A. H. Madar at gully. Tony Myatt ended the KCC innings by clean bowling Carnell. KCC lost by 12 runs.

KCC, needing 142 to win, lost Jenner, leg before to Carl Myatt, with one run on the board, but then Phil Wood and Robbie Lee put on 80 against steady and good bowling by both the Myatts.

Lee and Wood were both victims of Minu in his first spell of three overs when most of the 20 runs hit off him were scored. Wood is a conscientious opening bat who chooses the right balls to hit. He scored 34.

With the departure of Wood at 68, Archie Zimmerman also went, bowled by Carl Myatt, with no addition to the score. Things did not look too good for KCC with Coffey not in a scoring mood, but Fulshall played all the IRC bowlers with confidence.

He has a good idea of the ball to play and has obviously played in good class cricket. His best strokes are off his back foot and his best stroke is the drive to cover.

He was finally caught at short mid-off by Arthur Rumjahn off Ali Khan, sixth wicket down with the score at 110.

**THEN THE END**

Hull and Heron were not easily parted and added a useful 12 runs for the seventh wicket. After that came Minu and the end.

There might have been a different story to tell had KCC batted first, but Archie Zimmerman, winning the toss, sent IRC in and the visitors fielded throughout the heat of the early afternoon.

The Indians were not in great batting form, but Lalchandani with 36 and A.H. Madar with 38 batted soundly.

Carnell was not in great form, though he got three wickets for 34 in six overs—those of Ador Rumjahn, Ebert and Carl Myatt. With the new

**Hungarians Beat Austria 5-2 At Soccer**

Vienna, Oct. 16.

Some of Hungary's former first team stars, notably Sander and Hudegkuli, helped Hungary "B" to beat Austria "B" here by 5 goals to 2.

They demonstrated their superiority throughout although Austria opened the scoring through Jericha in the tenth minute.

Sander's corner kick in the 32nd minute was deflected into the goal for the equaliser off the foot of Praschak, an Austrian half-back.

Afterwards Hudegkuli registered a hat-trick with goals in the 57th, 62nd and 85th minutes and Dainoki completed the Hungarian total with a penalty kick.

Austria's second goal after Hudegkuli's second was scored by Mayer.—Reuter.

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# 500-YEAR-OLD MINT FOUND Relic Of Nobles'

## Attempt To Overthrow Ruler

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Prague, Oct. 16.

Archaeologists here have stumbled upon a 500-year-old secret under-ground mint believed to have been used in a form of "economic warfare" during the Middle Ages.

Their theory is that the mint, found in a large cavern 20 metres (about 66 feet) below ground, belonged to a group of Czech nobles who were trying to overthrow the ruler of Bohemia.

It is believed that they employed a band of forgers, working by lanternlight in this dingy den, to flood the country with valuable coins, in a bid to debase the currency and cause economic chaos and unrest.

The cave is one of a network in a hill called the "Golden Horse" at Koneprusy, about 22 miles from here. Its name dates back to a period before Christ when Celts inhabited the area and used to make sacrifices to a horse god on the hill.

### Primitive Coins

Archaeologists completed their researches in the cave during August and then prepared to open it to the public. Under debris, they found primitive equipment and heaps of glittering coins. Just as the forgers had left them. The coins were made of copper, but coated with silver to make them look like the silver coins, called parvis, which were at that time the official currency of Bohemia.

Like the genuine coins, the forgeries bore the imprint of a lion in a circle. The archaeologists found the stamp which the forgers used for this.

There was also a wooden minding block covered with copper cuttings, an oven for melting silver, strips of copper and piles of half-finished coins and rejects. Eight small balls of different sizes, made of tulle, are believed to have been used as measuring weights.

The archaeologists believe that the forgers got the copper for the coins from kettles. They cut the kettles into strips, melted these into sheets and then cut out the coins. Next, they hammered the shapes flat, stamped them with the lion imprint and coated them with molten silver. Then the coins were circulated in nearby towns and villages.

The entrance to the cave was a vertical shaft about 33 feet deep sunk from an easily-camouflaged circular hole at the surface.

### Hide-Out

At first, the cave was thought to be the hide-out of a robber band which turned to forging as a lucrative sideline. This theory probably had its origin in a local legend dating back to the fifteenth century but never considered to have any foundation in fact until the discovery of the cave.

The legend tells of shepherds in the area being frightened by smoke coming from holes in the ground. One day, a shepherd peered into a hole and saw a man sitting on a heap of silver. According to the legend, the man gave the shepherd a handful of silver coins and he became very rich.

### North African

## Jews Seek Entry To Israel

Paris, Oct. 16.

Thousands of North African Jews are seeking admission to Israel, a prominent Jewish aid official said today.

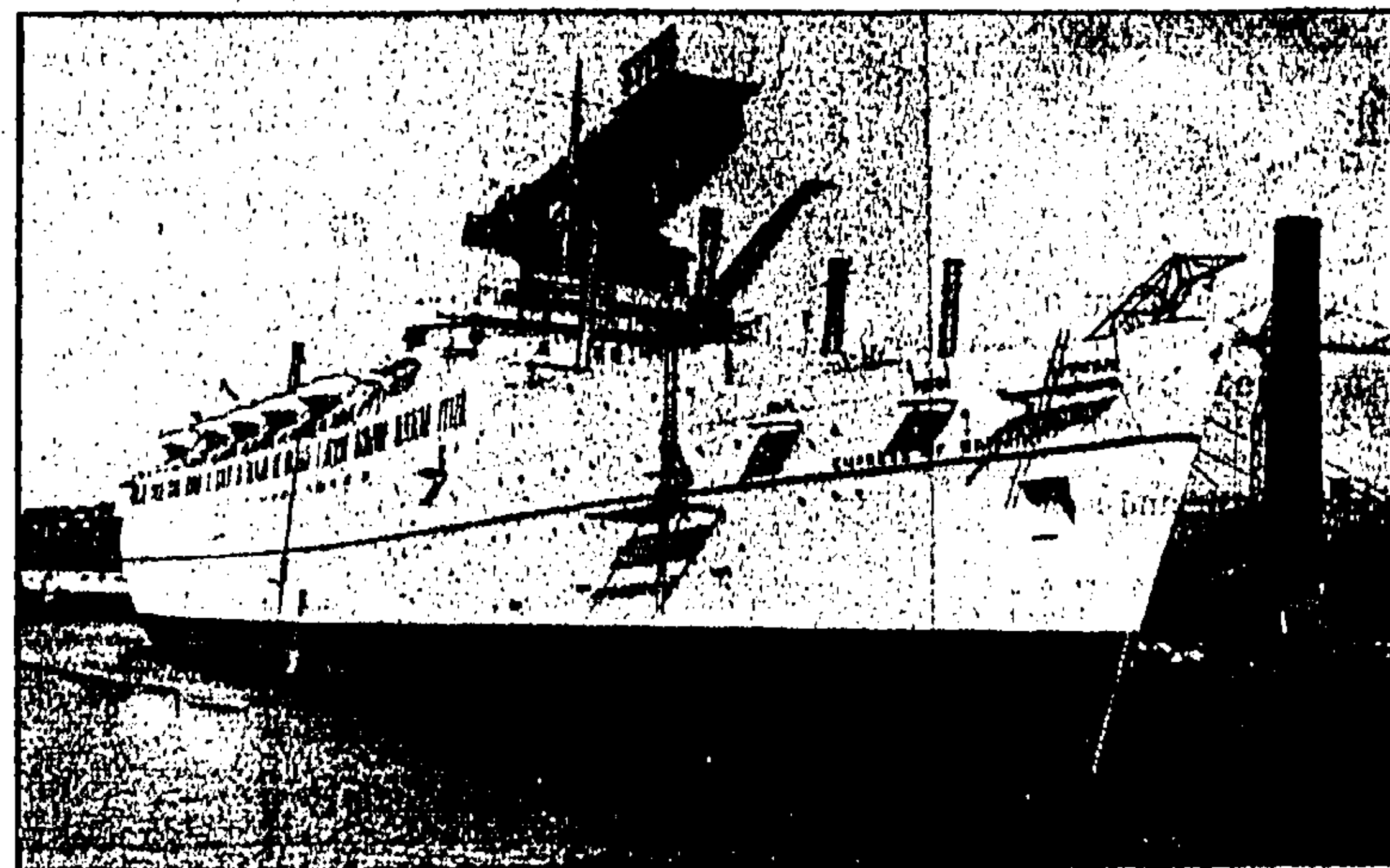
The official, Gloria Josephthal, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, was speaking at a conference of directors of the American Joint Distribution Committee which opened here.

Josephthal lauded the United Jewish appeal of the United States for its work in raising a special emergency fund of \$10,000,000 to transport North African Jews to Israel and to integrate them in the country's economy.

Josephthal said: "Our task would be impossible without the financial support of American Jewry."

Josephthal said citizens of Israel also are being called upon to sacrifice and contribute to make possible the absorption of the North African immigrants.

—France-Press.



Seen to be shaping up nicely in the fitting-out basin at Glasgow is the new 26,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain. She starts her maiden voyage to Montreal from Liverpool on April 20 next year.—Reuterphoto.

## FREIGHTER FREED

Montreal, Oct. 16.  
A Dutch freighter with 49 passengers aboard was freed this morning from a mud bank in Montreal Harbour where it had been stuck since last Thursday.

The Prins Wilhelm van Orange, operated by Montreal Shipping Ltd., ran aground on Thursday when it tried to avoid another ship in its path.

The ship was freed with the aid of the tug Foundation Josephine, which arrived here yesterday morning from Quebec. Once freed from the surrounding mud, the passenger-cargo vessel was then able to proceed to her shed under her own power.

It had been feared at first that the ship's 8,000-ton cargo would have to be transferred to another boat in order to lighten her.—United Press.

## Economy And Foreign Policies

Washington, Oct. 16.  
Representative Richard Bolling announced today that his joint Congressional subcommittee on foreign economic policy will hold hearings next month on the impact of US foreign policies on the domestic economy.

He said 38 witnesses from government, labour, business and education would testify at sessions from Nov. 9 through November 17.

Mr Bolling said the subcommittee will "explore the relation of our foreign economic policy to the continued growth and stability of the domestic economy."

He said it also will look into governmental policies "to test their consistency with the basic principles of international trade."—United Press.

## New 'Empress' Takes Shape At Glasgow

# Murder Spotlights Missing Women

Rome, Oct. 16.

About 6,000 Italian women, mostly young, quietly pack a bag and slip away from home every year.

The police investigate only perfunctorily their disappearance and newspapers hardly ever report it, except when one of them becomes a job for the crime reporter. Distracted parents alone show any concern for the missing women. Sometimes, even this is lacking.

Now, however, a particularly vicious murder case has focused public attention on these mass "flights from home."

Formerly, the police attitude to the missing from home reports which daily flowed into police stations all over Italy was: superficial investigation. If unsuccessful, drop. In any case, if the women want to return home, they can do so, without the State expending millions of lire on enquiries.

### Body Found

This attitude has now changed. For the public has had a horrifying picture of what can happen to a young woman officially classified as "Missing from home: enquiries unsuccessful."

Two Sunday picnicers, strolling about a thick wood early last July after rowing on the volcanic Lake Albano, below Castelgandolfo, (12 miles) south of Rome, stumbled on an object hidden under a newspaper.

They removed the paper. Underneath, was the naked, headless body of a woman, already in the first stages of decomposition.

The two men replaced the newspaper and fled. They agreed to say nothing about their discovery, fearing that they would have trouble with the police. But two days later, one of the men reported the find.

A far reaching investigation began. Scotland Yard, the French Surete, German, Swiss and Belgian police co-operated through Interpol, the international police organisation.

With the head missing, and defying discovery despite an intensive search, and other clues negligible, the task of identifying the body was difficult. The

### Frustrated Love

Frustrated love and the lure of the cinema top the list of reasons for the abscondings, police declare. Love in many parts of Italy is still governed by ancient family conventions, which modern girls, nurtured on magazines for women, find excessively strict. Girls are, for instance, discouraged from marriages "below their station."

Then, a young sister usually has to wait until an older girl married before she herself can marry. If the older sister cannot find a husband, it is just too bad for the younger. Questions of dowry can also stifle a love affair between two young people.

The result of all this is that a large proportion of the women elope with their fiancés. Normally, peace is made after a time and the woman is taken off the police missing list.

Disappointments in love account for at least a quarter of the 500 girls a year who are never seen again by friends or relations.

The promise of the cinema, with its glamour and fortune, also has a strong attraction for numbers of Italian women in their teens and early twenties. Many try to break into the cinema world with the help of as many relations as can be recruited. Others abscond from home and come to Rome, the heart of the Italian film industry, full of ambition and illusions.

Police have no statistics of the latter. Certainly, they are the easiest prey for the hundreds of procurers, white slavers, adventurers and unscrupulous men - about a town who abound in Rome's capital. Police here recently found a 14-year-old girl wandering listlessly about Rome's large main railway station. They discovered that her parents had reported her disappearance from a north-central Italian town two days previously, and learned from her that she had been violated within half an hour of her arrival in Rome, then passed on to another man, who, in turn, passed her on to four others—all on the promise of a small part in a mythical film "about to go into production."

### Montesi Case

The girl had not a penny on her. Even her handbag had gone. Police arrested the six men and sent the girl home.

The notorious Wilma Montesi drug orgy scandal produced the example of a provincial girl who came to Rome to become a second Gina Lollobrigida, and six months later was a drug addict living with a penniless painter in a derelict shop.

Poverty and an irrepressible desire to better their condition lead many girls to leave home. Quarrels with divorcees being non-existent in Italy, flight is the only solution, but a wife can be prosecuted for "abandoning the conjugal home" are another frequent reason, as is failure in examinations, a phenomenon which recurs every summer.

About 5,000 of the girls are eventually traced every year and either return home or opt for a free life.—China Mail Special.

## BEVAN INVITED TO RUSSIA

London, Oct. 16.

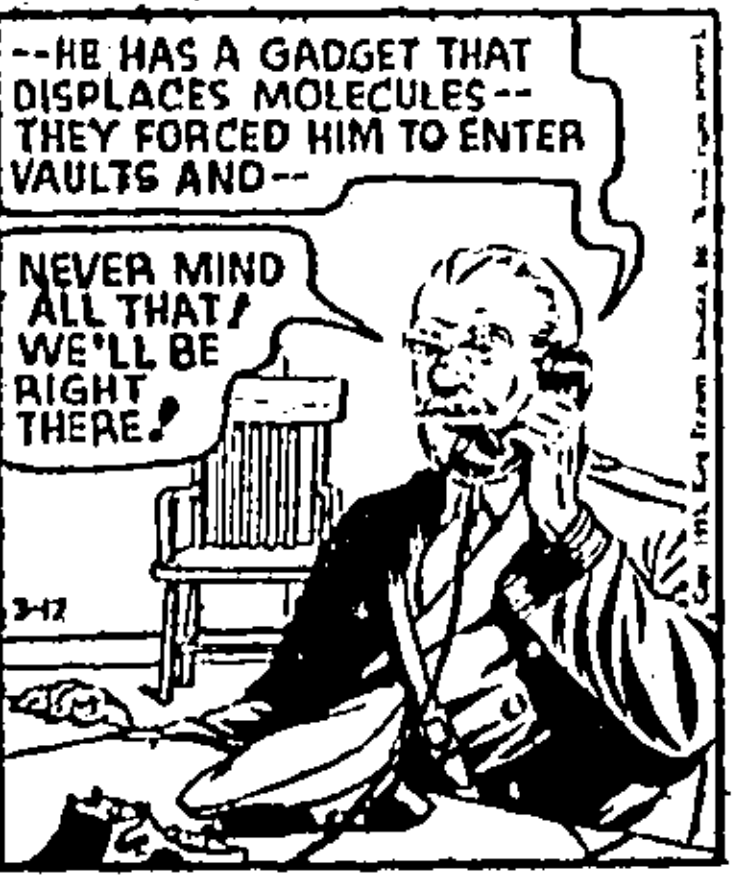
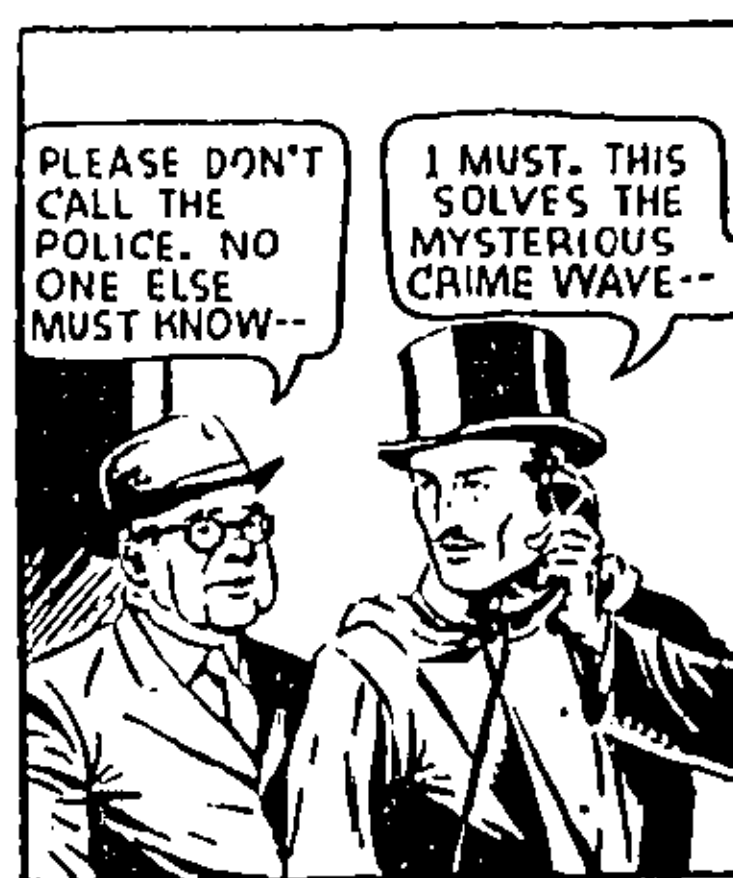
Left-wing Socialist Aneurin Bevan said yesterday he has been invited by the Soviet Academy of Science to visit Russia next month to lecture on economics.

A former Cabinet Minister in the last Labour administration, Mr Bevan will be the first British politician who has held Cabinet rank to be invited to lecture in Russia since the revolution.

"I will give two lectures and spend a fortnight in Russia," he said. "I hope to see a good deal of the country and see how labour problems are tackled in the industrial areas."—United Press.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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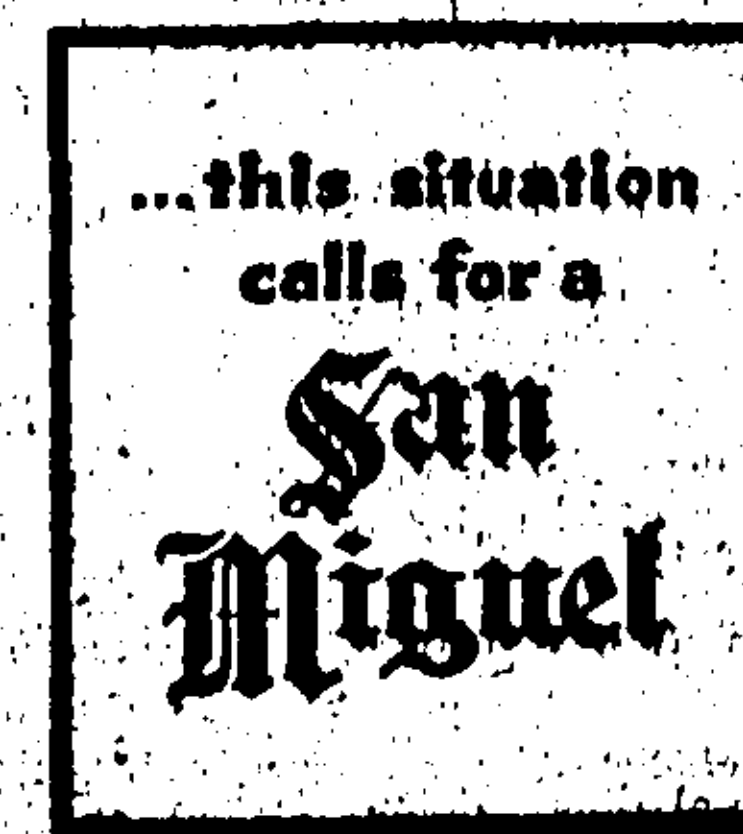
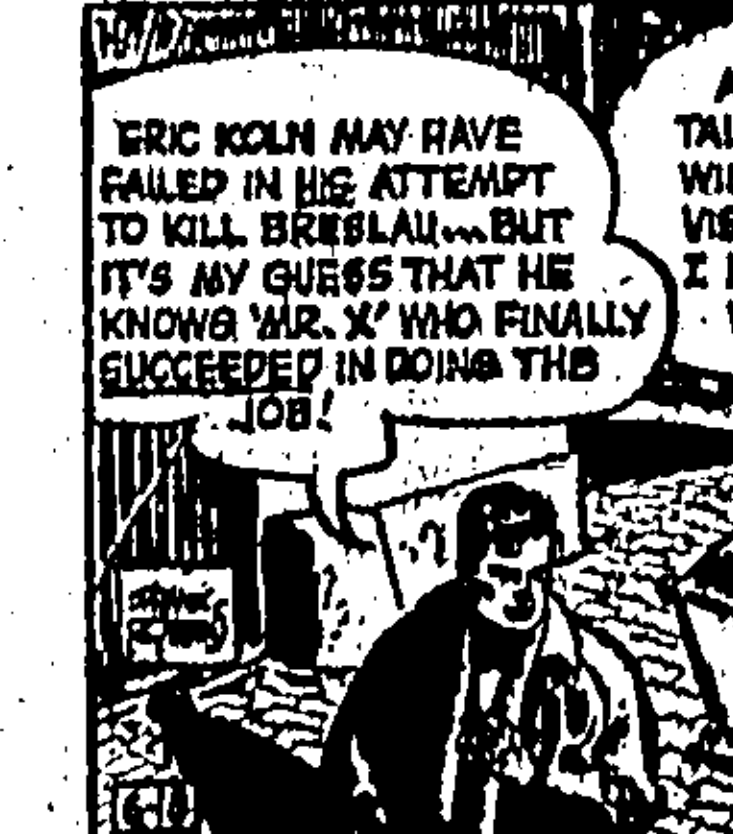
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Flight From Pound Halted

BUTLER JEOPARDISES  
POLITICAL POPULARITY  
IN NATION'S FIGHT

From Our Economic Correspondent

London, Oct. 16.

The abrupt recovery in British Government stocks this week belied the City's concern over the sterling area's recent trading deficit, but at least it reflected the view that Chancellor Butler is striving to restore an adequate surplus by next summer.

And that in doing so he prefers to jeopardise his present personal popularity in Britain for the nation's future prosperity.

With this belief shared abroad the flight from the pound has now been halted. Money which flowed away recently due to devaluation fears is likely to start trickling back as soon as foreigners have more positive proof of the success of the Chancellor's measures.

Foreigners, however, will also look to the economy measures of other sterling area members, including Australia and New Zealand. Their success is vital for the well-being of the whole area.

## £300m Surplus

The Chancellor's aim has always been to establish a £300 million annual surplus.

This level was more than reached in the year to June, 1954. Then inflation overtook the world, including the sterling area.

Exports to non-sterling countries rose by only five per cent while imports jumped 11 per cent.

Shipping rates increased. Whereas Britain formerly welcomed an increase in tramp freight as adding to her invisible exports she is now adversely affected by a rate increase.

Capital expenditure abroad by some of Britain's greatest concerns, including her oil companies, was also rising.

At the same time Britain was meeting increased competition from other industrial nations in the export field and facing rising wages and other costs at home.

Adverse trends joined to make themselves sharply felt only in the second half of 1954 and into this year.

## Is Needed

Now the £300 million payments surplus, which is Mr Butler's ambition, is regarded as an absolute minimum for the sterling area's stable economy. It is needed to repay debts; rebuild the gold and dollar reserves; allow for investment in Commonwealth development; cushion commodity fluctuations which can rapidly alter the trading position of some of the Commonwealth territories; help offset the difficulties caused by unforeseen political events or bad harvests.

The Chancellor's further measures—the nation will hear them after parliament meets on October 25—will come at a time when other countries, including the United States, are acting to fight inflation and "blow off the froth" too.

In America bankers who finance the bulk of the hire purchase have been requested by the Federal Reserve Bank to go easy on the "never never" business.

At present nearly \$40,000 million is out on loan for anything from a mangle to a motorcar.

Following the Reserve Bank's move the other banks are asking for one third deposit instead of one quarter. And they are giving 30 months to pay instead of three years.

Wall Street may still look inflated despite recent falls. But it is noteworthy that American investors are recalling that shares on Wall Street are traditionally expected to sell at about 10 times earnings—instead of 15 times as now.

## May Decline

With this sentiment the price decline may well continue. Investors had already discounted future expansion, and increased profits under an Eisenhower Republican administration. But the prospects for 1956 still look extremely favourable, but the political horizon has become clouded by the President's illness.

Consequently Britain may be affected. The gradually im-

posed dearer money policy, with continued restrictions in certain spheres of America's import trade, can also adversely affect Britain's efforts to earn dollars.

In Canada long term prospects are also favourable. But just now markets are highly competitive.

In Europe and the Middle East Britain must face a completely new state of affairs. Soviet Russia, which put special emphasis on science and technology, is finally joining the industrial exporting nations and seeking markets in Britain's traditional export areas.

The scope of her drive is still to be seen. But it is significant that Russia is no longer buying heavy machinery and engineering of technicians from the West. Russia is offering both to the undeveloped countries, particularly in the Middle East.

Territories enriched by huge oil royalties are fortunately in a position to disregard Communist economic pressure.

But countries like India, Egypt and Syria are in bad need of industrial goods and technical help.

## Another Factor

In consequence, Mr Butler in his export drive may find an increasing number of goods from Russia in the countries whose imports were once exclusively "made in Britain". The products from Germany, Italy and America are already there.

The Chancellor has yet another factor to reckon with—falling prices of commodities which have recently been joined in their decline by the "industrial" commodity group which had hitherto withstood the general trend.

With lower prices British manufacturers should produce the number of goods more cheaply.

But a wide range including wool, rubber, tin, jute, tea and cocoa are not exports from the sterling area. Lower prices mean lower sterling earnings. So in planning the future moves Mr Butler must keep his eye on the Commonwealth's swelling commodity prices. Even then his best dollar earners can lose their value if they become overpriced and manufacturers discover substitutes.

Jap Textile  
Exports  
Should Be  
Shifted

Pinehurst, N.C., Oct. 16. Governor Luther Hodges suggested today shifting Japan's textile export trade to "underprivileged nations who would be in a better position to buy these goods."

Speaking to the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association, the Governor said the recent tariff reduction on Japanese textile imports affect the life and welfare of the entire South.

He said there is a "great area for development of textile trade" in many undeveloped areas of the world.

Governor Hodges described the work of a recently-created commission to study the effects on the State's economy of the Japanese tariff cut. He said he believed it "will serve as a useful means of educating the public and our elected representatives" to the gravity of any decision involving the South.—United Press.

WEEKLY  
NEW YORK  
COTTON  
MARKET

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Oct. 16.

Cotton futures finished on higher ground this past week after racing up and down on the price ladder, covering a range of \$5 a bale.

Scoring substantial gains for the first time since early September the list at Friday's close ruled 13 to 95 points—45 cents to \$4.75 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Nearly deliveries led the upswing and enabled the latter delivery to score a moderate recovery after dipping into how seasonal lows.

After reaching around \$2.50 a bale, the market developed a steeper tone, with traders coming to the conclusion that a good part of the increase has been discounted after five weeks of sagging prices.

However, the rallies met opposition in the form of increased hedge selling and liquidation for foreign accounts. Continuing uncertainty over the future government policy on exports and price support policies were selling incentives.

## Slow-Down

A slow-down in textile market activity, along with the erratic action of the stock market and retarded mail demand for spot cotton were other handicaps.

Late in the week, the market met renewed support from various quarters with buyers concentrating on the nearby deliveries. December contracts developed independent strength after the October delivery expired.

Buyers in December discussed the possibility for stiffening prices in that sector on the assumption that lower open market prices will absorb most of the current gainings. One boteine reasoned that with the futures market 100 to 400 points below the cash equivalent, it is unlikely that cottoned stocks will increase at these discounts. In fact, there is reason to believe, he added, that the current cottoned stock will be reduced sharply in coming weeks, with the supply shifting into export channels.—United Press.

The Bank Of France  
Statement

Paris, Oct. 16. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Oct. 6, reads as follows:

Total gold holding	201,231,591.00
Total other assets	14,744,000.00
Sign balance	200,000,000.00
Reserve in gold	200,000,000.00
Reserve in foreign currencies	200,000,000.00
Bank bills	1,125,000,000.00
Current accounts	1,125,000,000.00
and deposits	1,125,000,000.00

—United Press.

A.N.Z. BANK INDEX OF AUSTRALIAN  
FACTORY PRODUCTION

Adjusted for number of working days in each month. Base 1948-49=100

ANNUAL PRODUCTION MONTHLY

1954-55

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# THE ACTRESS WHO CANNOT GROW UP

• At 33, Muriel Pavlow is the undisputed Grand Old Lady of sensitive adolescents...

by C. NICHOLAS PHIPPS

WHEN you look at Miss Muriel Pavlow it is an awesome thought that she has just about completed 21 years on the West End stage.

In a favourable light she does not look 21 herself. You can envisage her being sharply asked for her passport when she walks into a casino, or the landlady pointing to his "under 18" notice when she asks for a drink in a pub.

This might seem an enviable quality in an actress. In fact, it is the chief reason why her professional career, after getting off to a spanking start, has dragged, while others with less talent have forged ahead.

## A veteran

She was already a comparative veteran when she first hit the public consciousness, in 1938. She was 16; she played a child of nine in *Dear Octopus*. People said it was monstrous to keep a toddler like that up so late.

They said the same thing when she played the dream child in *Dear Brutus*. That was 1941. Off stage she was a grown-up young lady of 19.

A year later came a great excitement: her first grown-up part. She played a sensitive adolescent. She has ever since. At 33 she is now indisputably the Grand Old Lady of sensitive adolescents.

Unfortunately for her it is the Marilyn Monroes and not the S.A.s who catch the public eye. She has appeared in a number of films, good and bad, with the greatest credit. The critics have

never forgotten to note, two-thirds the way down their copy, a talented (or able, or sincere, or even masterly) performance by Muriel Pavlow as a sensitive adolescent. But obstinately, like a snaky bantam in a Lakeland fold, she has ever burst into the flames of stardom.

"What?" said his mother, to George Bernard Shaw. "That's not one of your Socialists. That man's a gentleman." In the same way Miss Pavlow's trouble is that she doesn't look like an actress, certainly not a movie actress.

## Sweet disorder

She hasn't lots of bubble curia, she doesn't ring her eyes with soot, she doesn't make her mouth up into a sticky pout. She does not give the appearance of being half started, nor affect the "sweet disorder in the dress" of the Tutin school.

Neither has she, on the other hand, the languishing affectations of a somewhat older generation. She's terribly whole-some.

One can imagine the left hand of a Tycoon groping subconsciously for her telephone number, as he reads a script about a hospital nurse.

It's all there. The hair, not Dors blonde but a decent corn colour, simply cut, neither falling over the shoulders nor slashed with a razor. The skin,

fresh open-air, absurdly young, perfect for a gymkhana or Silverstone.

The eyes, a marvellous deep blue (or is it violet?) but in which there is no guile. The clothes, trim, suitable, unostentatious. Summing up: any junior officer of the Fleet Air Arm could take her to meet the admiral's wife with confidence.

And yet this charming feminine, middle-class young lady is a woman of over 33 who has been married for more than eight years.

She married an actor called Derek Farr in 1947 and they have lived happily ever after. On her marriage she retired from the stage for five years.

"I'm not one of those who marry between the matinee and evening performances and have the following Sunday for their honeymoon," she says firmly. "I wanted to make a proper home." Very right and proper, too.

## Her virtues

Their flat reflects her virtues and failings to an almost ludicrous degree. It is what house agents vaguely call "off the Marble Arch," on the right side of the Edgware Road.

It overlooks the Seymour Hall. She complains that the

hall's clientele keeps her awake at nights by its habit of holding informal pavement discussion groups after dances.

Her living room is decidedly a "lounge" rather than a "drawing room." Its furniture is durable, very comfortable, and to any taste hideous. There is a clock in one of those shiny wooden cases, square with rounded edges. A wireless and gramophone from the same general family. No books lying about, no old newspapers, no letters which should have been posted yesterday, no silly postcards from abroad, no squander of any kind at all.

## Oddly enough

Oddly enough there is no television set, though Miss Pavlow has been appearing fairly regularly on TV since 1938 (or was it '37?). She is a little guilty about this, explains vaguely that she thinks there would be too much interference from the other flats in the block.

The only objects with any individuality in the room (even the flowers look a little waxy) are a curiously congested carpet, some sort of greenish felt stuff, and a china load about a foot long.

The carpet, she explains, was part of the economy drive. "Only it wanders all over the room, and gets into those mountainous ridges, and hasn't even worn very well."

The toad, a handsome green and black, is also a money box. It sits by the fireplace. It was



MURIEL PAVLOW

So sensitive... but it's the Marilyns who catch the public eye.

given to Miss Pavlow by her agent, Derek Glynn.

(She calls him her manager: "He's a marvellous man. He's much more than an agent to me; he really looks after me. And besides, it sounds nicer.")

After she had been married five years her agent/manager gently pushed her into work again.

At last, slowly, she seems to be reaching the position to which her ability entitles her.

It must be a nice change to play a frankly wanton adolescent, and her Cressida at Stratford last year was a well-deserved success.

And she seems to have come to realise that for an actress the Periclean ideal of womanhood ("not to be talked of for good or evil among men") has its dangers.

## Very quiet...

In the film she is making at the moment, *Reach for the Sides*, she plays the wife of Douglas Bader, the legless fighter pilot.

"Isn't it a very quiet part, playing a hero's wife - if the hero's wife is still alive I mean?" I asked her.

"Well, I think it could have been, if I had not been careful." (WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED London Express Service.)

# WHY I JOINED THE NLM

By John Watney

The throb of natives' drums beating faster and faster seemed to take possession of my body. The hairs on the nape of my neck were standing up like bristles and the light tropical jacket across my shoulders felt like a mantle of lead.

I began to feel as millions of tribal warriors must have felt as they heard the drums of war beating through the village.

In front of me, 5,000 yelling and singing Ashantis, members of Africa's most proud and warlike tribe, stamped and swayed in a vast grating mass.

## MADE MEMBER

Around me sat the tribal chiefs and their wives headed by the Asantehene, the King of Ashanti, and Queen Mother, his sister. Among them were the political leaders of the new National Liberation Movement of the Gold Coast.

On the lapel of my jacket they had pinned a yellow, white, black and green cloth badge in the shape of a wheel with N.L.M. in the middle.

I had just been made the newest member of the movement that threatens to overthrow the Gold Coast.

My party membership had cost me 1s. Before the night was out it was to cost me much more.

## CELEBRATING

In my new crisply creased light fawn tropical suit, the only European among 5,000 black bodies draped in vivid cloths, I felt the oddest of all odd men out.

But the worst treatment I received that night was the concentrated warmth of 5,000 smiles and several hundred clammy handshakes.

I was one among the guests of honour at a celebration dance in the Prempeh Hall, Kumasi, the capital town of Ashanti.

My hostess and hostess to all those 5,000, was Mrs Peggy Applin, daughter of the late Sir Stafford Cripps who is now

married to one of the leaders of the liberation movement. They were celebrating the election to Parliament after a local by-election of Mr B. F. Kusi, an independent, who supports the movement.

As soon as the dance warmed up I was dragged from my seat and taken, by enthusiastic young Ashantis into corners, the bar, and the car park, anywhere where we might hear ourselves speak to resolve courses of political instruction, high pressure salesmanship for the movement, lectures on Ashanti culture and history.

All of which was washed down with glasses and plates of whisky and beer. For if any race can drink more than another it's the Ashanti. And the new member paid!

## SAME QUESTION

Every instructor, salesman, and lecturer that evening asked me the same question. "What does England think about us?"

And always I was stumped for a reply, as what was England know of the Gold Coast? The Colony that may soon get a pattern for the whole of Africa. The Colony that is about to have self rule.

The National Liberation Movement say that the party in power, the Convention Peoples Party, are corrupt and set on ruling by dictatorship as soon as the British have gone. And they have some pretty convincing proof of it too.

But this new movement, which has sprung up almost overnight in the Ashanti territory, say that no one is going to push the proud Ashanti around. As one of the leaders put it: "We have never been afraid of any man, white or black, and we are not going to be talked to by politicians in Accra."

## WANT QUEEN

The N.L.M. say that they are not yet ready for complete independence, and they don't want to drive the white man away. They want his help for many years to come, and meanwhile want the country ruled on a Federal system with local autonomy while they get some practice at ruling themselves. (The C.P.P., who now rule under the Governor, want a republic.)

The National Liberation Movement want self government, eventually, but they want Queen Elizabeth II, to be their Queen. And that is why I, an Englishman, became a member of the N.L.M.

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By Air  
Philippines 2 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa 4 p.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18  
By Air  
Thailand, 10 a.m.  
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 3 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Portuguese India, F.V.I. via Karachi, Noon.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Japan, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19  
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Macao, 2 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

# ONE BABY-WITHOUT GRAVY...

In a hotel that IS fit for children to live in this is the sort of thing you hear

"ONE sieved baby, one minced baby, and one baby without gravy." Accompanied by shrill shrieks and a clatter of spoons I heard these horrible orders flashed to the waiting cook.

It was not, as you might think, at some Sunday School treat on the Cannibal Islands. Nor even discussing the stage directions for Titus Andronicus with Mr Peter Brook. I was sitting with my four-year-old son in the dining-room of a children's hotel at Westgate-on-Sea, and our pretty red-haired waitress was ordering the babies' dinners.

It has been a bumper season for all these hotels this year, and for parents with young families to find a good one is a priceless boon. The brochure may boast "every facility for children," but it is only the mums who have been there who know that there is nowhere to air clothes, and "the large play room" is too small. The success of this sort of hotel depends on its proprietor.

Simon and I were lucky this year, and picked a winner.

## TRAILING NETS

It is quite easy to recognise this breed of establishment from the outside in the summer months. Shrimping nets trailing seaweed lean damply in the doorway. Minute classic bathing suits decorate most of the window sills, and shooting brakes outnumber pelicans in the car park.

Inside the hall there is more evidence of the patter of tiny feet. The potted palm is replaced by the pot and prun-



by ROMANY FINDLATER BAIN

Embarrassed fathers scurry in from the garden loaded with nappies. Even the umbrella stand has a notice saying "Please leave your buckets and spades here."

But it is in the dining-room that the children's hotel must be judged. For at least three weeks before the family spree most of the mothers anticipate with dread what Junior may do at meal times. Those awful exposed tables, the disdainful stare of the neighbours, and little Johnnie refusing to eat, or covering his face with marmalade.

## PANDERING

A good proprietor, like Mr Brace, is aware of all this turmoil in a mother's breast. He is prepared to pander to every type of fuss the first few days. One parent was in such a state about her 14-month son's diet, that she typed out a menu for each of the 28 meals of her seven-day visit, headed "Roger will require for breakfast on Monday, two tablespoons of porridge, one slice of well-cooked bacon, etc., etc." And the proprietor kept it to it.

His theory of how to run a dining-room stocked with high-chairs smoothly is to serve the children at once.

The wait between courses is something toddlers do not suffer gladly, and the milk pud fol-

lows the mince as soon as the waitress can untie her apron from the door handle. ("Oh, Philip, you naughty boy.")

Staff are a problem. They must be really fond of the sticky little dears, and have prodigious memories. Personally, I think kids' fads and fancies are treated with more respect than they deserve. The waitress has to remember that baby Jono has all her liquids boiled and all her solids sliced.

Baby Robin only eats fish and no eggs, and his three-year-old sister likes a grown-up's dinner on a baby's plate. Susan has all her vegetables from tins, and cannot take milk pudding. All this alters each Saturday as the new families arrive.

The weekends are comparatively quiet during the day, as children eye each other warily, and parents sit straining their ears in the lounge at night. By Monday things begin to warm up. Suddenly they all realise they are in the same boat and that their children are no worse than anyone else's.

## CRITICISM

As the week goes by the sea air increases both the children's appetite and confidence. Their remarks in the dining-room get louder. Cooking is criticised as candidly as at Claridges.

## SPLIT INK

A whole bottle of ink was once split on the lounge carpet, and all the parents got down on their knees to help clean it off. Most of them felt that but for the grace of God it might have been their responsibility.

A bedroom was stripped bare of wallpaper up to the height that four grubby hands could reach. The same little dears removed all the enamel off a window sill with a gas ring.

A drop-side cot was broken into neat firewood lengths by two more Gilles-like children. Their mother apologised very sweetly. She said she was afraid they might get up to some naughty little tricks like they did at home.

"And what is the secret of running a children's hotel?" I asked the proprietor.

His wife smiled reminiscently. "For the first two days we try to give parents everything they ask for, however impossible it sounds. Cot screens, blackout material, buckets, or nightlights. And the odd thing is, that as soon as they find out that we really want to do everything we can for them, they suddenly stop asking!"

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# LOOK, LIGHTNING!

(But don't worry, it's safer than walking upstairs)

THERE was a sudden flash of lightning, a roll of thunder, and the woman I was speaking to disappeared.

I caught up with her hiding in a cupboard. She said, somewhat shamefacedly: "I'm so sorry—lightning scares me."

Well, she is no different from thousands of other women when storms are about. They draw their curtains, turn mirrors to the wall, put their household cutlery out of sight, and hide themselves in cupboards or under bedclothes.

Their fear springs from superstition, not from common sense.

If they were logical, women would be much more scared every time they walked upstairs or put a kettle on the gas. For the Registrar-General's official figures over the past 10 years show that household stairs are

200 times more fatal than lightning, and so too is domestic gas. Electric current is 10 times more dangerous, and even stings from insects kill twice as many women as a lightning-flash kills. Why, any woman ought to be more scared of being frozen to death than struck by lightning. The official figures would justify such fear.

But women suffer during storms because they do not think logically. They go all primitive at the first sign of a thunder-cloud.

When they hide in the cupboard they are acting no differently from the savage who falls prostrate when the sun or moon goes into eclipse.

Common sense—backed by official figures—shows that their fear is groundless. Are you frightened of lightning, madam?

# SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, George, aren't the autumn colours the most gorgeous ever? In the stores, I mean!"

## REDIFFUSION

12 noon Time 12.32 p.m. Double Attraction, Jane Froman (Vocal) Jerry Murray, Harmonica, 1 Time Signal, Acoustic and his Orchestra, 1.15. News, Weather Report and Special Announcements, 1.30. Music For You, 2.30. Variety Cella The Tune, Popular Variety, 3. Crime Does Not Pay, 4.00. The Joseph Wenzel, 4.30. Music by Lopez - With Guest Stars, 5.45. Break, House Two, 6.00. Popular Times, 6.30. Guest For Today - Hazel Scott, 6.45. Double Attraction, 6.50. Children's Corner, Conducted by Auntie Val, 7.30. Monday Requests - Presented by Betty, 8.00. Variety, 8.15. The Time Signal, 8.30. News Reel (Longest Reel), 8.45. Goodnight Music, 9.00. Save the Queen, 9.15. Close Down.

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